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ALBANY TEACHERS march on Solano Avenue on Tuesday to protest for higher salary increases than are being offered by the school district.

Teachers rally for more pay

By Clare Curley
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — Some 150 teachers garnered honks and yells of support from car windows when they gathered in front of the Solano Avenue Safeway store to protest what they consider an insufficient salary hike the district is offering them.

They carried signs that read: "Where have all the teachers gone? To higher paying district?" and "Let them eat Pizza."

However, the real protest took place at the school board meeting at Cornell Elementary School. The group made its way to the school on foot, where they remained for several hours, giving speeches to sway the district to up the ante from a raise of roughly seven percent to a 10-plus offer.

Teachers in the voluntary protest were told to speak from the heart, and the packed room had an atmosphere of animation rather than animosity.

Board members listened while 22 teachers representing each school in the district, stood up to talk about both their tight financial situations and the dedication of their colleagues. Some parents also spoke in support of teachers.

Heidi Braham, a second grade teacher at Cornell, received applause marked with cheers after she told board members she was still trying to move out of her parents' house, but that "Financial advisors caution me to spend only one-third of my salary" on rent.

"I also worry about the future of our district," she said.

Another teacher stood up and told members she was working as a waitress one day a week. After spending 10 to 12 hours weekdays in the classroom, she said, the money she makes waiting tables amounts to more than the bump up the salary scale the district's offer would give

her. Though many greeted their predicaments lightly and even with amusement, there was an underlying tone of foreboding among teachers.

Sonia Zulpa, a fifth grade teacher at Marin Elementary, pointed out that, since K-12 classes sizes were reduced, leaving fourth and fifth grade teachers with less prep time and larger classes in comparison to other grades, a handful of them have left for other jobs.

"Personally, this is disheartening," she said. "Those grades were quite stable (before). Now I'm hearing talk of other fourth and fifth grade teachers leaving."

Parents who addressed the board stressed that the school district is the primary reason families move to Albany.

Two mothers who spoke said they set-

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Albany High adjusting to campus cop

By Clare Curley
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — A female Albany High School student was being stalked earlier in the school year, and the suspect was not a student — a tricky situation for a school, and one for which neither administrators nor counselors are necessarily trained.

It is also the type of case now handed to Michael Ayers, the school's new student resource officer, or SRO.

"I was able to find out who it was, and the person was contacted. There was a warning," he said. With little leeway as far as the law is concerned, he believes his contact with the person at least

stopped the problem for now.

That situation wasn't typical for Ayers, however. As he wades through a brand-new position that heated the tempers of teachers, parents and officials while it was being debated, his days are relatively calm.

Ayers deals more in breaking up fights and uncovering quantities of syrup that were hidden on campus to be used as vandalism.

He also meets with teachers and administrators throughout the day, as well as the Leadership Class, a student group that addresses both school activities and

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EC plans local market analysis

Report will guide development strategy

By J.R. Deaton
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — In the hopes of brightening the city's economic horizon, the City Council has authorized up to \$20,300 to study market trends, retail sales and consumer demand in El Cerrito.

The market analysis, to be performed by a company called McGill Martin Self Inc., is to take about 45 days to complete and will be funded from the city's Economic Development Division budget.

"This data and analysis will then be used as the foundation to develop an

overall economic development strategy," said Julie Woepke, interim economic development coordinator and Joseph Grossman, chairman of the city's Economic Development Board, in a report at last week's City Council meeting.

McGill Martin Self Inc. is on contract with the Redevelopment Agency for two projects in the city — the Honda of El Cerrito relocation and the Best Inn motel project on Eastshore Boulevard — and was originally considered to evaluate market conditions related to the old El Cerrito Mill and Lumber Co. site.

To avoid duplication of data gathering, the Economic Development Board decided to use the mill and lumber site analysis outline as the first phase of a city-wide marketing and economic analysis, the Woepke/Grossman report said.

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Where men can talk about being men

The Men's Circle at the Open House Senior Center is a discussion group for older men in changing times

By Kate Darby Rauch
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — A couple of years ago Tom McMahon, a red-haired, Irish-lilted educator and ex-priest, approached management at the Open House Senior Center about giving workshops on personal growth.

Trained in facilitating group sessions on emotional topics, McMahon was told the center was workshopped out.

"They told me what they really needed was something for the men, a place for men to talk," recalled McMahon, 61.

And so was born a weekly event McMahon calls a men's circle; a somewhat New Age name for what boils down to a confidential and wide-ranging weekly

discussion group, just for older men.

The circle is small in number, a core group of four men with others coming and going. But for those participating it is a powerful match, clearly fitting a niche. Men talk about everything from money to sex, health to career. There's sometimes poetry and always a moment of silence at the end. But the conversation is friendly and down-to-earth. It's a place to bounce whatever you want off others at a similar stage of life.

"I get my batteries charged here," said Bob Acker, 74, a retired electrical engineer researcher at UC-Berkeley. "My soul still seems to be exploring things and that's probably the main motivating factor that brings me here."

On a recent Friday morning Acker's comments bring nods of affirmation, or understanding from the group.

The four regulars, who come from very different backgrounds, have been with the circle since it started. Most had never been in a support group or participated in anything like the men's circle before. In addition to Acker, there's a retired phone repair man, a retired UC-Berkeley epidemiologist, and a man who used to own a coin operated machine business.



AT EL CERRITO'S Open House Senior Center, Bob Acker and Frank Oechsli participate in a men's circle discussion.

McMahon, and the group, hope for more.

The men in the group discovered it from a flier or newsletter, and the experience stuck.

"I wanted to compare notes with other people about my age, and I wanted to

keep learning," said Joe Coy, 89, of El Sobrante, the former business owner who now cooks at the Pinole senior center.

"This is a place where I think I can learn." And they do learn, the men say. About each other, about themselves.

McMahon, certified in a French-

founded training method called "Personalité, Relations Humaines," acts as a facilitator, guiding the discussion. Sometimes there is a topic of the day, sometimes not.

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CORRECTION

In reporting an incident last week that involved a 13-year-old Albany boy and a weapon at school, I made a couple of errors that I would like to correct. The incident happened at Albany Middle School not Albany High School and the boy was suspended not arrested. I apologize for this inaccuracy and a full report is included here:

On the morning of Oct. 10 some

students reported to the assistant principal at Albany Middle School that they had earlier observed another student possibly brandishing a knife at another student while in the atrium area of the school. They were able to identify the student with the weapon, a 13-year-old Albany boy, but not the victim.

The assistant principal talked with the Albany boy and found him in

possession of a large pair of scissors that were missing one of the finger loops. The subject said that he had found the scissors and had not taken them out of his backpack. Since the reporting students wished to remain anonymous and a victim could not be located, it was not possible to prove that a crime occurred. Officers took the report and the subject was suspended from school.

WORTH CHECKING OUT

Daffodil Day for teacher

The community is invited from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 28 to help plant 600 daffodils in front of Ocean View Elementary School, 1000 Jackson St., in honor of Pat Donaldson, a teacher who retired after working in the school district for 30 years. "These flowers will continue to bloom year after year to remind us of Pat's great work," said Maggie Owens, a spokeswoman for the event. For questions regarding the activity, call Owens at 510-527-4993.

Adoption search workshop

Seeking relatives? Could someone be looking for you? If you or someone you know is separated from family members by adoption, divorce, etc., get expert help, resources and advice at PACER's Annual Adoption Search Workshop, Saturday, Oct. 28, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., First Unitarian Church, 14th and Castro streets, downtown Oakland. The cost is \$35 in advance, \$50 at the door; space limited, so register now. Print out a registration form at www.pacer-adoption.org and mail it with \$35 check payable to PACER to PACER, PO Box 31146, Oakland, CA 94604-7146, or e-mail Bob.Crowe@pacer-adoption.org or call him at 510-835-1550. Bring whatever information you already have to the workshop.

Eagles' Halloween dance

The Fraternal Order of Eagles, Bayview Aerie No. 2323, is holding a Halloween Dance from 8 p.m. to midnight (doors open at 7 p.m.) Friday, Oct. 27, at the Eagles Hall, 3223 Carlson Blvd. in El Cerrito. Music will be by the Jimmi James Band, and there will be a raffle.

door prizes and refreshments. Come in costume or come as you are. Admission is a \$5 donation at the door. Proceeds go to charity for prevention of child abuse. Details: 510-525-0444.

School district focus group

The Focus Group established by West Contra Costa Unified School District board member Patricia Player meets from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, to discuss educational issues in an informal setting — St. Luke's Methodist Church at 3200 Barrett Ave., Richmond, in the church library. After the talk, those who can stay will walk for Measure M, the school facilities bond measure, in the area. This opportunity to discuss the issues of the day in our school district with school board member Patricia Player is open to all community members.

Books, books, books

A big paperback and library discards sale will be held by the Friends of the Albany Library from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, at the Albany Community Center, Marin and Masonic avenues intersection. Info: 510-526-3720.

Council meeting canceled

The El Cerrito City Council's regular meeting scheduled for Monday, Nov. 6, has been canceled. The next council meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 20, in the council chamber of the Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane, El Cerrito.

Hoops league

The city of El Cerrito has opened registration for both the David Hunter Memorial Boys Basketball League and the

Girls Hoops League. Practices will begin Monday, Nov. 6, and run through mid-February. Details: 510-215-4376.

Windrush info night

Windrush School's Information Night is at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 2, at the 4-acre campus at 1600 Elm St. in El Cerrito, two blocks east of the Del Norte BART station. Facilities include separate elementary and middle school wings, a full-size gymnasium, a library, an art studio, a computer lab, a garden, and an outdoor play area with a turf sports field. Further information is available from 510-970-7580 or from www.windrush.org.

Solstice and seasonal mysteries

Celebrate Halloween and Day of the Dead with Ellie Fidler, teacher of the "Solstice and Seasonal Mysteries" series as well as art and mythology at the University of California, from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29, at a location in Albany. Myths, stories, animal spirits, music and a special slide show will be elements of the series. Tap into the origins of Halloween and create your own alchemical magic. Call 649-1971 for information and reservations. Costumes optional.

Airports vs. the Bay?

David Lewis, executive director of Save the Bay, will speak on airports' plans to expand into San Francisco Bay and other challenges to Bay restoration at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 6, downstairs at Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin St., Albany. For information, contact Friends of Five Creeks, sponsors of the talk, at 510-848-9358 or 5creeks@aol.com.

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STAFF REPORT

EL CERRITO — A 39-year-old man was arrested Oct. 14 after he was found pushing two shopping carts along San Pablo Avenue that allegedly contained a total of nine stolen potted plants. Investigation determined that the same plants had just been taken from the nearby Longs Drugs Store at 10650 San Pablo Ave. The property was returned to the store, said police.

■ The afternoon of Oct. 15 an attempted break-in was reported at O.K. Cleaners at 6109 Portrero Ave. Police found a small hole in the door but could not establish whether entry was made into the store. No property was reported stolen.

■ Three drivers were arrested last week in separate cases for substance violations, two for driving under the influence of alcohol and one who was stopped for driving recklessly and found to be in possession of methamphetamine, according to a police report.

■ On Oct. 16 the door was forced open of the El Cerrito Christian Church, located at 10936 San Pablo Ave. The door led to the church's storage room, but no property was taken — repair to the lock will cost

POLICE NOTES

roughly \$100.

■ The night of Oct. 2 a car was broken into on the 2600 block of Tulare Avenue. The front door passenger window was shattered with a rock, and \$2 in change was allegedly stolen from the console area. The repair cost to the window is estimated at \$230.

■ Some time during the weekend of Oct. 13, someone reportedly entered the unlocked garage of a residence on the block of 1000 Contra Costa Drive and stole a gym bag containing sunglasses and a cellular phone. The victim, a 31-year-old man, told police although no damage was done to the garage, the property was worth \$630.

■ A 39-year-old Berkeley man is being investigated for presenting a counterfeit check for \$46.35 at the Bank of America on 10422 San Pablo Ave. He signed the rear of the check and provided a fingerprint on the face of it, according to police, then fled when the reporting party was called by phone to confirm the transaction.

■ At around 1:50 p.m. on Oct. 15,

a witness at Radio Shack, 11366 San Pablo Ave., told police a man in a store had concealed several items in a bag and left without paying for them. Police did not locate the suspect.

■ The night of Oct. 14 a telephone window was smashed at a residence on the 200 block of Carmel Avenue after someone allegedly threw a rock at it. There were no witnesses to the incident. Repair to the window is estimated at \$250.

■ A 75-year-old woman who had on-going problems with children since April reported that a screen door and sprinker were stolen on Oct. 14, at a cost of \$150. A witness told police an unidentified boy who appeared to be about 10 years old may be responsible for the crime.

■ An unregistered 1988 Buick pick-up was returned to its owner after it was reported stolen the morning of Oct. 13 near the 5700 block of El Dorado Street. However, the Olds Firenza that was towed from the same block that morning had been recovered — according to police, its registration expired less than six months ago.

More Pierce Street car thefts reported

ALBANY — On the evening of Oct. 15 officers observed a man stash a bike near Masonic Avenue and Dartmouth Street and then proceed southbound on another bike. Albany officers contacted the 45-year-old Occidental man and observed him to toss a syringe on the ground immediately prior to a pat search, according to the report. He was arrested, cited and released with a Notice to Appear.

■ At about 12:30 a.m. on Oct. 17 a resident on the 1100 block of Cornell Avenue reported observing a man sitting on his neighbor's porch, drinking beer, smoking cigarettes and looking in the front windows. Upon arrival officers recognized the 22-year-old former Albany resident and a check found he had an outstanding Albany warrant for violating a court restraining order and for disorderly conduct in the amount of \$3,000. When officers exited their vehicle the man ran into the back yard in an attempt to elude them. The back door was locked and the subject was arrested without further problems. He was cited and released with a Notice to Appear.

■ On the morning of Oct. 17 a resident on the 900 block of Key Route Boulevard reported that during the night thieves stole her blue three-speed bike. Later that morning she called to report that the bike had been returned and she believed a friend had borrowed it.

■ On the morning of Oct. 17 a resident on the 500 block of Pierce Street reported that during the night thieves broke into his brown '83 Oldsmobile Cutlass parked in a dirt lot south of the building. There were no witnesses.

■ At about 11:30 p.m. on Oct. 17 officers stopped a gold '70 Oldsmobile near the Gilman Street entrance of Golden Gate Fields for a traffic violation. The driver, an Oakland man, was found to have an outstanding

warrant from Oakland for driving with a suspended license. He was arrested. During booking he was found to have a loaded firearm on his person and was charged accordingly. He was cited and released with a Notice to Appear.

■ At about 1:30 a.m. on Oct. 18 Berkeley police reported locating a blue '88 Honda Civic that had been reported as stolen from Albany in September. The car had not been damaged and they did not have anyone in custody. The owner was notified.

■ On the morning of Oct. 19 a resident on the 500 block of Pierce Street reported that his '85 Honda Accord had been stolen while parked on the street. There were no witnesses.

■ At about 2 a.m. on Oct. 21 Albany officers stopped a silver '89 Honda Accord on the 1400 block of Solano Avenue for driving without the headlights on and for swerving into the opposite lane. The driver, a 53-year-old Albany man, was found to be intoxicated. He was arrested, cited and released with a Notice to Appear.

■ At about 2:30 a.m. on Oct. 21 Albany officers contacted a subject in a silver '82 Volkswagen near Castro Street and San Pablo Avenue who appeared to be passed out in the car with the lights on and the door open. The 43-year-old Hercules man was found to be intoxicated and unable to care for himself. He was arrested and cited to be released when sober.

■ On the afternoon of Oct. 21 a resident on the 1000 block of Key Route Boulevard observed a man lying in the grass near the creek who did not respond when he called to the man. Albany officers contacted the 41-year-old Berkeley man who

was found to be intoxicated. He was arrested, cited and released with a Notice to Appear.

■ On the night of Oct. 21 a resident on the 1000 block of Solano Avenue reported that thieves had broken into her blue Honda Civic and stole items from inside. There were no witnesses.

■ On the morning of Oct. 21 a resident on the 800 block of Taylor Avenue reported that during the night thieves had stolen his brown '84 Toyota pickup. There were no witnesses.

■ Because of the heavy rain over the weekend there were reports of trees and branches that had blown down damaging vehicles and blocking streets and sidewalks.

■ On the morning of Oct. 21 a resident on the 900 block of Elgin Avenue reported that thieves had stolen the radio out of his white '94 Toyota Camry. There were no witnesses.

■ At about 1:30 a.m. on Oct. 21 a resident on the 1000 block of Castro Street reported that she had just turned home and discovered that her home had been burglarized. There were no witnesses.

During the week of Oct. 23, Albany officers towed one vehicle, responded to 13 false alarms, assisted three people who were locked out of their house or car, the domestic arena officers responded to 18 civil disturbances, 77 civil assists. Officers stopped cars and/or pedestrians issuing citations and 32 warnings. Albany's firefighter/paramedics responded to fire calls and 14 medical emergencies.

— K. Osborn, correspondent

Focus on Denton Christner

Albany Chamber

By Roxanne Wiley

The Christner name has been associated with Allstate Insurance for a number of years in our area. Now we have the youngest, Denny, heading up the newest Allstate firm in Albany.

Insurance must be in his blood because he started out working with his dad and when he went to Santa Barbara to school, he worked in that local office.

Denny's office offers almost one stop shopping because you can get auto, home, health (Blue Cross) insurance and he will soon to have his securities license to offer mutual funds administration as well. He is a very industrious young man.

For fun, he rock climbs, kayaks, bikes; you know all the outdoor



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DENTON CHRISTNER

stuff that most of us can only think about. Frankly, he is so busy at work, I wonder how he finds the time to play. His girlfriend Jennifer

Sorenson welcomes you as you enter the office.

Welcome to the neighborhood, Denton Christner.

Kudos to Dana Milner

The Contractor State Licensing Board has recognized our very own Dana Milner for his outstanding service to his community. Dana is a mover and shaker in the Christmas in April program and has devoted many hours to this project and now the State of California is bestowing upon him recognition for said efforts. Bravo Dana!

Library Book Sale

The annual paperback and library discards will go on sale at the Albany Library on Oct. 28. The sale hours are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is a great time to add to your own library at a very low cost.

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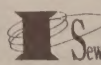


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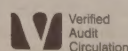
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Call for entries

The eighth annual Berkeley-based Nomad Videofilm Festival will be held in June, 2001 in Seattle, Portland, San Francisco and Berkeley. The entry deadline is April 1 (no early or late entries). Eighth annual Pacific Coast touring venue seeks short videos/films (15 min. max; any category) expressing audacity, imagination and subversive values.

Selected entries receive written audience response from all shows; no cash prizes, certificates or trophies. Work can originate in any video, film &/or media formats. Preview in VHS; exhibit in DV. Entry fee: \$15. Contact: Vertical Pool, att: NVP, P.O. Box 7518, Berkeley 94707. Details: 510-464-4640. vpool@verticalpool.com. Vision statement and application form are available online at: www.verticalpool.com/nomad.

Drug treatment volunteers

Social and Medical Model Addiction Recovery Trial, known as the SMART project, is conducting a study to compare the cost and effectiveness of two kinds of treatment for substance abuse: medical model and social model. The medical model is conducted in a hospital setting, supervised by medical staff using group counseling and education. The social model uses peer counselors, many of whom are in recovery.

SMART seeks individuals from all ethnic and economic groups to take part in the study. For calling 888-249-8802 and agreeing to do three interviews, individuals chosen for the study will receive free treatment at existing treatment programs.

Julian White tickles the ivories

Pianist Julian White will perform

at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 5 as part of Music on Squirrel Hill Concert Series 2000-2001, sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Church. The program will include Liszt's "Sonata in D minor." Other concerts will include Baroque and string ensembles, classical and gospel choirs and a contemporary vocal-instrumental ensemble. The church is at 1 Lawson Road and is wheelchair-accessible. A reception will follow. Suggested donations at the door are \$15 general admission and \$10 for seniors and students. For information or a season brochure, call 510-525-0302. At 11 a.m. on Nov. 3 there will be a ribbon-cutting at Longfellow Arts and Technology Middle School, 1500 Derby St. Thanks to Measure A, foundation and local government grants as well as local fund raising efforts, this historic school building was renovated and a new building built to accommodate the arts and technology magnet program at the middle school.

Guess pumpkin's weight

KENSINGTON — Guess the weight of the pumpkin that will be in the Kensington Branch Library this week. The person whose guess is the closest will win the pumpkin in time for Halloween. The contest is sponsored by the Friends of the Kensington Library.

The Kensington Library is located at 61 Arlington Avenue. The library is open Mondays 1-6 p.m., Tuesdays noon-8 p.m., closed Wednesdays, open Thursdays 10-6 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays 1-5 p.m., regularly closed on Sundays and holidays. If you have a question that can be answered by phone, you may call 800-INFO or 800-984-4636. Book Line is available at the same number or telephone renewal of library books and materials.

EL CERRITO IN BRIEF

New officer

Police Chief Scott Kirkland reported last week that the Department has hired a new officer.

Twenty-five-year-old Yusuf Nashir joined the Department as a police recruit earlier this month and will be assigned to the Alameda County Police Academy Oct. 30.

Nashir is a 1999 graduate of California State University at Hayward with a double major in administration of justice and sociology.

Kirkland also said the Department has hired a police records specialist, Georgette Garcia. Garcia has lived in West County since 1986 and was formerly employed with the school district as a clerk/typist.

"We look forward to her filling a vacancy that has existed for over a year," Kirkland said.

In other Police Department news, Kirkland reported that Officer Susan Garman has been promoted to the rank of sergeant, effective this week. "Susan will assume responsibility for what is called the 'junior day shift,'" Kirkland said. "We welcome Susan to the position and know that she will do an outstanding job."

Coming developments

Several large commercial and office projects are expected to begin the city approval process soon, reports Steve Mitchell, acting community development manager.

"The owner of the Freeway Motel at 11645 San Pablo Ave. has been meeting with staff over the past year and appears almost ready to submit plans for a new hotel on its existing site," Mitchell reported to the City Council last week.

The motel plans are expected to be submitted next month and then to be considered by the Planning Commission and the Design Review Board in December.

Mitchell said another upcoming project is the corporate offices of Sun Shade Inc., planned for the vacant parcel adjacent to the Post Office on Fairmount Avenue. Sun Shade Inc. is described as a "high-end sunglasses and watch retailer."

Although the company's plans do not call for a retail outlet, the building is being designed to accommodate storefronts in the future, Mitchell said.

In another development, the old Albert's Nursery site has been sold and is "conceptually planned" for office space facing San Pablo Avenue and possibly apartments facing Kearney Street.

Mitchell also said that the church at Lincoln and Lexington avenues is currently in escrow with Adventure Associates, a firm that specializes in

company team-building challenges. The company plans to use the former church property for its corporate offices and is scheduled to be heard by the Planning Commission on Nov. 1 and by the DRB on Nov. 15.

Donation

The Cerrito City Club has made a \$2,000 donation to El Cerrito's Community Services Division.

"The contribution from the City Club will be used towards purchasing supplies for the Open House Senior Center and the Community Center's art, sports and teen programs," said Community Services Manager Monica Kortz.

"We appreciate the generous contribution by the members of the Cerrito City Club," Kortz said.

You can e-mail letters to the Journal at Journal@cctimes.com

Case tests church use of schools

A lawyer for West Contra Costa school districts says there could be impact for East Bay religious groups

By Kate Darby Rauch
STAFF WRITER

The recently formed New Life Church was looking for a home. For months, the small but growing Christian congregation had been meeting at a member's house and was eager for bigger digs.

New Life, a spinoff from the First Baptist Church of Richmond, finally found what it was looking for when the West Contra Costa Unified School District agreed to rent the group space Sunday mornings at an El Cerrito public school.

The church had its first service at Fairmount Elementary last Sunday. About 40 people gathered in the school's auditorium to listen to Scripture, sing and pray. Children went to Sunday school, adults talked about the Bible.

With that worship service, New Life joins at least eight churches from West Contra Costa to the Mount Diablo area that hold regular services at public schools. Empty on Sundays with plenty of room and parking, the schools fit the church's needs well.

"The reason it's so convenient for new churches to use schools is they're affordable, they're conducive to children, they have basically the amenities we need for public meetings," said New Life Pastor Laurel Balyeat Morrison.

No one has complained about church use of public schools, several East Bay district officials said.

It's a different story elsewhere in the country, and last week — just as New Life was settling in at Fairmount — the U.S. Supreme Court agreed to hear arguments in a case that could limit church activities at public schools.

Sunday services, if they include the teaching of religion, which most do, might not fly as sufficient separation between church and state.

At least, that is the outcome hoped for by the Milford Central

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School District in upstate New York.

In the case before the high court, a Christian youth group, the Good News Club, sued Milford Central School District for refusing to allow it to hold after-school meetings on campus. The club said the refusal violated its First Amendment free speech rights and was discriminatory, since the district allowed other organizations to meet at the school.

Milford is a tiny town in upstate New York. The district has only one school.

The district says the club's activities violate a New York state statute that prohibits religious and political activities on school grounds.

The club contends the New York law is unconstitutional.

An administrative judge agreed with the district, and the club appealed. A federal appeals court also sided with the district, ruling that club meetings at the school would violate New York law and the constitutional separation of church and state.

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A lawyer for the West Contra Costa school district said the case is being watched for the implications it might have on arrangements like those with the New Life church.

New Life's pastor said she had looked at several options before deciding on Fairmount, and fully believes having Sunday services in schools doesn't violate church-state separation.

"Just because we're using the

school, doesn't mean the school is teaching Christianity," Morrison said.

The court will be asked to clarify what types of activities a religious group can conduct at a public school. The Supreme Court has already said schools can't discriminate against religious groups when using facilities for social gatherings or the teachings of general moral or social issues.

In 1993, in Lamb's Chapel vs. Center Moriches School District, which is also in New York, the court ruled the district couldn't prevent the chapel from showing a movie series on family life at the school after hours.

The Milford case presses the court to go a step further and address whether it is permissible to teach religion on public school grounds.

"We're not disallowing churches to use the facility if they want to have a dinner. But the school board policy is very clear, they can't use it for the purpose of religious instruction," said Peter Livshin, superintendent of Milford schools.

But Stephen Fournier, a Milford pastor who runs the Good News Club, said it merely teaches morals from a Christian perspective, including emphasizing the need to have a relationship to God through Christ.

"We're saying this is what gives us the Christian viewpoint and if you take it away from us it's no longer the Christian viewpoint. The school has a policy to uphold and I respect that. What I'm saying is the policy is unconstitutional."

Paul Loya, attorney for West Contra Costa schools, said the district is comfortable with allowing Sunday services in its schools, despite state and federal laws saying otherwise.

However, he said, schools must be open to anyone who wants to use them on Sundays, and they can't give priority to one group. Sundays are not normally a time when organizations are competing to use schools, he said.

Loya, who works at a Walnut

Creek law firm representing school districts, said the Good News case indicates just how fuzzy church-state issues are.

In California, schools can't discriminate when it comes to renting out facilities, but neither should they allow religious activities that students might easily confuse with school curriculum, he said. Discerning the line between the two isn't easy, he said.

"It's a very difficult practical problem," Loya said.

If the high court rules religious teaching in public schools is unconstitutional, the district may reconsider allowing Sunday services at schools, he said. Or they might wait for someone to legally challenge the district's policy, forcing a test case that might clarify state law.

At least one legal expert in school-religion issues doubts that the Milford school district will win its case.

Jess Choper, a UC-Berkeley professor of constitutional law, said the Supreme Court has set precedent that if schools rent facilities to other community organizations such as the Scouts or Rotary Clubs they can't exclude religious groups, regardless of the activity.

"This is an equal time principal. They can't discriminate in favor of religion or against it. If they make it generally available they have to make it available for religious uses."

Still, Choper said, the appeals court in New York obviously came to a different conclusion, which makes the case interesting.

People on various sides of the issue say whatever the outcome, they're glad the high court took the case, because it could help define uncertain legal terrain.

"It will be a significant ruling," said Steve Benen, spokesman for the Washington, D.C.-based Americans United for the Separation of Church and State, which supports the district's challenge of the Good News club. "Major church-state legal rulings do not come around all that often."

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VIEWPOINT

The view from San Ramon

The Journal received the following letter concerning Measure L, the library funding measure on the November ballot in Contra Costa County. A response from two members of the "Yes on Measure L" campaign follows:

Lucky us! Just in the nick of time the state has provided the funding our county needs to adequately fund libraries without the Measure L tax increase. No one disputes the need for longer hours at the branches open only 29 hours per week, or the \$6 million cost to do it. The county claimed it didn't have the money. Now they do. Gov. Davis signed revenue-sharing legislation on Sept. 30 giving Contra Costa County \$5.97 million in new, unrestricted funding.

The high visibility of libraries because of the Measure L cam-

paign ensures that libraries get this money if Measure L fails. And once the longer hours are in place the county will not cut them back because it would not be worth the political trouble.

Most of the rest of the Measure L money would have picked up library costs for cities like Walnut Creek, San Ramon, Danville and Richmond that have huge surpluses already and do not need the money.

Before this new funding many of us thought the county would provide new library funding if Measure L failed. Now there is no doubt. Measure L is a tax increase we do not need to fund libraries. It should be rejected.

Ernie Scherer, member
Library Advisory Committee
San Ramon

One-time funding is not a solution for needy libraries

Opponents who criticize Measure L and funding of our county libraries are missing the point.

The one-time property tax reimbursement of \$5.7 million from the state of California is just that — a one-time quick fix that does not come close to meeting our libraries' needs.

Over the past 10 years our libraries have deteriorated to the point at which we find ourselves today — Contra Costa County ranks 36 out of the 37 Bay Area library systems in per capita funding. Clearly, a long-range solution was needed, and that's how Measure L was born.

In Contra Costa County, population and demand has skyrocketed; funding for books, hours and services has failed to keep up. The impact on our local libraries has been clear:

While the price of books has more than doubled, funding for purchases has not kept pace. The result is material that is either outdated or in need of replacement.

At a time when people commute to jobs out of the area and return home at hours well past business hours, our libraries are not able to provide what working families require, longer evening and weekend hours.

Reference services, homework centers, story hours, large-print books, and other programs and services have been cut or eliminated due to lack of funds that the county library system needs to deliver them.

By increasing the county sales tax rate a mere 1/8 of a penny, we will raise an additional \$11 million each year for local libraries.

What will that mean to your neighborhood library?

Books and material budgets will at least double, so we can replace

old, worn and outdated books.

Hours at each branch will increase, with all of them open six or seven days a week, and with night and weekend hours increasing at all branches.

Services like homework centers and story hours, reference services, literacy programs and large-print books that have been reduced or eliminated over the years will increase.

At some branches, maintenance and repair needs that have been waiting for years will finally be met, allowing us to provide safe buildings for our patrons.

The idea that Measure L will raise more money than our libraries need is simply false. The spending plans developed will merely restore our libraries to a level of service we in this county enjoyed 20 years ago. They are not a gain, but a restoration. In fact, even with this new revenue, our county system will still rank only 23 out of the 37 Bay Area libraries in per capita spending.

Finally, the money raised by Measure L can only be used for libraries, as guaranteed by law. These funds are not available to be shifted to other needs that the county may have. This is a unique opportunity for us to exercise some local control over government spending.

Measure L is an investment in our neighborhood libraries. It is not a quick fix, but an eight-year program that will turn our libraries around. Most of all, Measure L makes sense. It allows us to tell government how to spend our money . . . exclusively for our libraries. That is why we are urging Contra Costa voters to say "Yes on Measure L" on Nov. 7.

Jane Del Simone
Jane Bartke
El Cerrito

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After a day of teaching, to get a raise, they have to take boring college classes. These are expensive, have to be taken after school, weekends, or during the summer.

We have supported public education for many years with tremendous tax increases. Now let's give Vouchers a chance with a yes vote on Prop. 38.

Thea and Julius Vervey

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Measure N will strengthen medical response

There has been very little publicity about Measure N on the Albany Ballot, and I think it is vital that Albany's voters inform themselves about it, and more importantly, vote YES. Measure N will allow the Albany Fire Department to increase the number of qualified firefighter/paramedics to the point where we will have paramedic capabilities and equipment on our ambulance and two fire engines. Today, only the ambulance is staffed with paramedics, so Albany has to rely on mutual aid (usually from Berkeley) if our ambulance is on another call. With Measure N, Albany will be able to provide virtually 100 percent Advanced Life Support (ALS) coverage with an average 3-1/2-minute, or better, response time.

The cost for Measure N is a modest \$18 per residential unit. In addition to better paramedic service, Measure N will include sufficient funds for the city to set up a "savings account" for the purchase of a new ambulance about every seven years (at current prices).

To pass, Measure N must be approved by a two-thirds supermajority of all Albany's voters. Since two "yes" votes will equal the weight of one "no" vote, it is critical that everyone in favor of filling in these gaps in our emergency response system vote YES on Measure N.

Doug Donaldson

Albany students: Kids: Clean up after yourselves

My mother always taught me to clean up after myself. I hope that the young people around town who had fun throwing eggs during Homecoming Week will have the integrity to clean up after themselves. You had your fun, now do the right thing. You left a really big mess. If the egg-throwers do not come forth, I propose that the senior class pitch-in and do the job.

Homeowners who still have egg or water-balloons remnants on their sidewalks should be able to call up Albany High to request a bucket-brigade. To just say, "Oh well, it's Homecoming" does not teach our children well.

Jeanne Kreter-Killian
Albany

Yes, indeed, wise up, taxpayers!

Before we succumb to the knee-jerk reaction of "What, another tax? I don't want to pay it!" let us stop to think for a moment.

The argument against Measure "M" is the same old red herring: that only property owners will have to pay it. Nonsense. Unless El Cerrito has a rent control law, and I am not aware of one, increased property taxes are passed along to renters in the form of rent in-

creases, as they always have. Also, generally more property owners than renters have school age children.

But there is another important consideration. A community has to be attractive to young families for them to want to move here. It is the reputation of the school district that attracts most families to a community; in turn that attraction keeps property values high. We know that when the schools decline, so does the community and so do property values. In other words, an investment in our schools is an investment in our community, and in turn in our own property.

Of course we need to have accountability. But we also need to pay adequate salaries to the people to whom we entrust our children's education.

As in all other things, we get what we pay for. Poor salaries equal poor quality teaching which equals an inferior education. Dilapidated school buildings, broken windows and toilets do not contribute to a good learning environment.

To quote Julie Andrews from The Sound of Music: "Nothing comes from nothing, nothing ever could..." There is no free lunch. If we want a vibrant community and maintain high property values, we have to be willing to invest in it.

Agnes Allison
El Cerrito

Yes on Measure A

I am writing to encourage Journal readers to vote FOR Measure A on Nov. 7. Measure A is a measure to amend (include some telephone services, like cell phone use) and extend (to 2009) the existing Utility Users Tax at the existing rate of 5.5 percent.

Albany and Berkeley residents do NOT pay this tax; it is levied only on residents of unincorporated areas in Alameda County. There is an exemption for low-income residents. Fiscal year 2000/2001 revenues from this tax were \$5.8 million, allocated for the Sheriff's Department (\$3.5 million); the County Library (\$1.4 million); and Community Development Agency (\$.3 million) services in unincorporated areas. The Albany Library Board and Albany City Council voted to endorse Measure A. I encourage the Journal to take an editorial position in support of Measure A.

Caryl O'Keefe, Chair
Albany Library Board

If I could talk to the candidates

If I could speak to the candidates, this is what I would ask them:

There has been a lot of talk this campaign about the remarkable economy, but no one mentions the fact that 35 million people, including 12 million children, are still living in poverty in this country.

What will you do to help alleviate the suffering of millions of American families?

To get a job one needs training/education beyond secondary schooling. Why, then, do we require states to count post-secondary education or training as "work" under the aid to Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program? (TANF is the federal welfare reform implementation legislation up for reauthorization by Congress in 2002).

Parents cannot maintain a job without reliable, affordable child care, yet only one in 10 eligible children receive child care assistance. What will you do to improve that situation?

Because people receiving TANF are no longer automatically signed up for Medicaid, would you be in favor of support legislation to combine the application process or make other changes to ensure that eligible people are getting the medical coverage they need?

It is likely that a downturn in the economy will occur in the near future. How will it affect people who have already reached their time limits on assistance? Will the faith-based community, which is already unable to meet the increased demand for its services, be expected to support those additional needs?

Many studies have cited are consistently (and sometimes intentionally) given misinformation by caseworkers and turned away from programs for which they are eligible. What will you do to better educate both caseworkers and recipients about the regulations of these programs?

The gap between the rich and the poor is the largest it has been in recent memory. Which of your policy proposals will help close that gap?

We currently spend more than half of our federal discretionary budget on defense. For the past several years, Congress has increased the defense department's budget (above and beyond increases in personnel salary), in spite of the fact that year after year the Pentagon is unable to account for billions of dollars and regularly fails its audit. Yet a suspicion has emerged, not around the Pentagon's use of our tax dollars, but instead around the integrity and intentions of those receiving manager government assistance (a very small percentage of our federal budget). In the meantime our nation's inner-city schools are crumbling and inadequate, millions of people are going without food, 41 million people don't have health insurance, and we have one of the highest child poverty rates among developed nations. In light of this, how would you propose distributing the federal budget?

The 1996 welfare law will be up for reauthorization in 2002. What would you do to ensure that our welfare programs more effectively serve the needs of the 35 million people in our country who live in poverty?

Joan Bartulovich
El Cerrito

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"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson, 1787

'No-Cal' ready to send in the clones to The Hank J.

Listen up, clones. Guess who's coming to town? Jim Rome (aka "Van Smack")

For those of you who actually have a life, let me explain. Rome is the prime exemplar of a new breed of radio talk show host: "sports smack," which he defines as "sports talk in a gloatful, uninhibited or confident manner." It's put-down humor, mostly directed at the callers themselves, whom he derisively calls "clones" because they're all Jim Rome wannabes.

His daily, Los Angeles-based show, "The Jungle," is carried by more than 130 stations across the country. (Locally, it's heard on the Raiders flagship station, KTCT, aka "The Ticket").

He'll be making a rare Northern California appearance next Saturday, Nov. 4, at the Henry J. Kaiser Convention Center in Oakland. (Or, as he would put it, "a huge No-Cal Tour Stop at The Hank J.")

And the clones are already lining up. "I am writing on behalf of myself and 13 other Jungle dwellers," one fan e-mailed the sta-



MARTIN SNAPP

Snapp Shots

tion. "If we could get tickets to Van Smack's No-Cal Tour Stop, we would consider it to be the highlight of each of our lives."

"This is a dream come true!" exults another clone. "I will be forever grateful to you for bringing the Tour Stop to No-Cal."

And even though the tickets are free, some guy is selling a pair on E-Bay; and at last look, the bidding had already topped \$100 per.

The Jungle is its own little universe, with its own language. Here-with, a brief glossary of some typical Rome-isms:

"Battery chuckers": Giants fans "The Crackwagon": the Dallas Cowboys

"Ed": John Elway, because of his alleged resemblance to a certain equine TV star from the 1950s.

"The Godfather": Al Davis "Barry Manilow": Joe Montana, because of the physical resemblance

"Andre the Pirelli": Andre Agassi, because of his expanding waistline

"Chernobyl": Tommy Lasorda, because of his tendency to melt down

"H&R Blockhead": Darryl Strawberry, because of his conviction for income tax evasion

Normally, I'd end a story like this with an interview with Rome himself. But when I called "The Ticket" to ask if they could set it up, their publicist told me I'd have to submit samples of my previous columns so Rome could decide whether I was cool enough to talk to.

Well, I've interviewed all kinds of people in my time, and I've never encountered this much attitude from anyone who wasn't named Brown (Jerry or Willie). So I decided to pass.

But if you're a Jungle dweller,

The Hank J. is the place to be next Saturday. (And if all this doesn't sound like your cup of hemlock, I'd give The Hank J. a wide berth.)

Meanwhile, a radio show of a very different type is coming to Berkeley tomorrow, I'm referring to "West Coast Live," which is broadcast from the Bay Area to more than 200 radio stations across the U.S. and Canada.

If you haven't heard it yet, do yourself a favor and tune in. It's a delightful amalgam of good talk and great music, all kept running smoothly along by Sedge Thomson, a man who is able to carry on intelligent conversations with people about more different subjects than anyone I know.

"West Coast Live" airs on KALW-FM (91.7) every Saturday morning from 10 to Noon, with a rerun on Sunday nights. But it's even more fun to attend the broadcasts in person. They're the closest thing to what it must have been like to attend a Jack Benny or a Burns & Allen broadcast back dur-

ing radio's heyday in the '30s and '40s. The main difference, as far as I can tell, is that Sedge and his guests don't wear tuxedos.

It's so much fun, in fact, even a lazybones like me occasionally manages to get up early on Saturday mornings and schlep across the bridge to San Francisco, where the show is usually held. But every once in a while, Sedge does his East Bay fans a favor and brings the show over here, to the Freight & Salvage coffee house in Berkeley. That's where he'll be tomorrow morning.

He'll be joined by tomorrow's guests: singer/songwriter Lucy Kaplansky; Christopher Shaw, author of "Sacred Monkey River"; the Austin Lounge Lizards; the Tango Quartet; and Brad Newsome, author of "Take Me With You: A Round the World Journey to Invite a Stranger Home."

If I had to name the one thing that is the most fun to do in the Bay Area, I'd pick a live broadcast of "West Coast Live." Tomorrow morning is a rare chance to see it

on our side of the Bay. If you can drag yourself out of bed tomorrow, it's really worth it.

Speaking of dragging yourself out of bed, this Sunday is the high point of my personal calendar: the blessed end of that abomination, Daylight Saving Time.

Daylight Saving Time is like hitting your head against the wall: It feels so good when you stop.

I don't know who dreamed up this idea in the first place, or why. Personally, I think it's a conspiracy to deprive us all of an hour's sleep. I've been bitterly resenting that lost hour all summer, and I'm looking forward to getting it back on Sunday.

Yeah, yeah, I know: We're giving up the joy of it still being light outside when we get off work in the evening. All I can say is that it's an overrated pleasure. Give me back my morning snooze!

Phone Martin Snapp at (510) 273-9039 or e-mail him at catman@california.com.

Letters

FROM PAGE A4

Nader supporters misguided

By refusing to support Al Gore, the Green Party stands very ready to indirectly elect George Bush a candidate who promised to weaken toxic waste clean up standards, allow drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, roll back the protection of roadless areas and increase logging.

They proudly deny vitally needed votes for the Democratic presidential candidate who is firmly committed to environmental protection and socially progressive policies to vote for Ralph Nader, a candidate who cannot possibly be elected.

I am amazed at the Green Party's quixotic and politically disconnected orientation that insists on absolute idealistic purity or double talking George "Big Oil" Bush. We can only pray that the clouds will lift by November and that practical reality settles in favor of Al Gore, a tested, qualified and competent leader.

Frank L. Ernst
Richmond

Owen T. represents parents/students

A vote for Owen T. Jones is a vote for parent and student representation on the AUSD Board of Education. Owen T. has kids in the school system and knows first-hand the issues facing students. He is one of the few fathers who attends PTA meetings and who sits on school committees, so he has first-hand knowledge of what concerns parents. Moreover, he is accessible to parents. Owen T. is not afraid to state his opinion and to challenge the mainstream. This is the type of candidate I want to see sit on the School Board — one who will speak for the parents and students of this community. If this is important to you, please join me in voting for Owen T. Jones for School Board.

Linda Okamoto
Albany

Your vote for Measure B is important

Everyone who knows about Measure B supports it. There's no doubt it will get a majority vote. The challenge is that it needs TWO-THIRDS.

Measure B is the extension of the half-cent sales tax for transportation

that has been in place since 1986. IT IS NOT A NEW TAX! What is new is how the revenues will be spent. Basically, public transit, bicycles/pedestrians, and senior/disabled transportation services will get a lot more and highways will get a lot less.

AC Transit would get about twice as much as it receives from the current tax, enabling it to fully restore and maintain the service hours cut so painfully in 1995 and 1996. (AC has been adding back these hours bit by bit over the last couple of years, but doing so with reserves and by delaying some bus purchases — a bold but short-term strategy.) If Measure B is not renewed, AC Transit will not only lose the prospect of increased funding, but will lose the \$10 million or so it gets annually now. The 1995-96 cuts will pale in comparison to what AC will be forced to do.

Measure B renewal will also ensure that Albany continues to get its "local transportation" allocation about \$250,000 a year. This money can be used at the city's discretion for any transportation-related need—road and sidewalk repair, street cleaning, lighting — a flexibility that other funding sources don't have. It can also be used as matching funds to secure larger sums of state and federal money.

Other good news in the renewal measure includes \$76,000,000 for bicycle and pedestrian improvements (the current tax has nothing); a seven-fold increase in spending on paratransit services for the disabled and elderly; and \$24 million for transit and non-motorized improvements along San Pablo Avenue.

I urge Albany citizens to Vote YES on Measure B.

Victoria Wake
Member, Albany Traffic & Safety Commission

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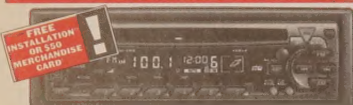
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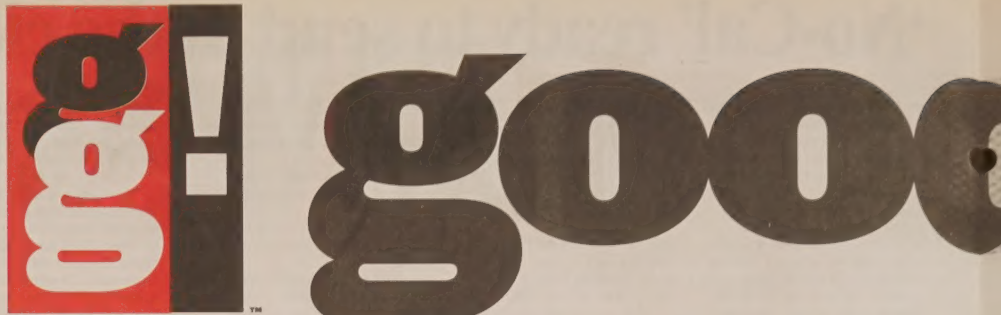
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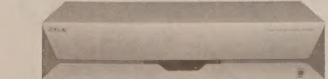
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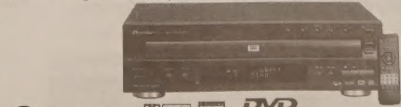
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ted for small houses under the noisy BART tracks in order for their children to be able to attend Albany schools.

Teachers also presented scrolls of paper that stretched the width of the room on which they had listed work-related activities they perform outside of school hours.

"New programs, new materials, new buildings do not make a school district great. Teachers do," concluded Joan Serin, an elementary teacher.

Board members listened quietly and thanked those present for sharing their stories. Board president Bill Cain said, "Hopefully, there is some way we can come to an agreement."

Still, what actual affect the rally had remains to be seen.

Superintendent Gary Mills remained closed-lipped about any future offer to teachers. "I'm not sure what kind of impact (the speeches made)," he said afterward.

The meeting followed a closed session in which board members discussed budget information and data in light of the new demands.

Two more meetings are scheduled with a negotiating team in November.

"I'm ashamed of the district.

Talk

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The goal is to provide a place where men can say what they feel, be emotional without fearing judgment, feel listened to and valued, McMahon said.

"How is it to be a man in the world, to be a man growing old?" he asks rhetorically.

"The theme isn't the important thing, the important thing is that everyone feels safe to talk or not to talk."

But learning is only part of the experience. The regular sessions provide social connection, confidantes, a caring place to go at a time of life that is often unstructured and marked by free time.

"I wanted to broaden my associations and reach out to people," said Frank Oechsli, 79, an epidemiologist who lives alone. "I've enjoyed this group immensely. Clearly, I keep coming back. It's very satisfying."

Men's groups or circles surged in popularity about a decade ago, attracting mostly middle-aged men or baby boomers facing mid-life. Many bill themselves as a place where men can lay down their macho exterior without the presence of women. Others are more oriented to expressing traditionally male rituals, drumming or chanting. Some groups have no themes.

Even with today's thriving culture

The family event will have great raffle prizes, a silent auction, music, craft booths, a white elephant booth and traditional Oktoberfest food.

First prize in the raffle (tickets \$2 each, need not be present to win) is

These teachers marched in Sacramento to get the increase from Davis," said Charla Powell, an Albany mother of two who walked alongside the group before the meeting. "The cost of living has gone up considerably in this neighborhood."

In dispute is Albany's share of unrestricted funds the state is releasing to California districts. Gov. Gray Davis made the decision about the funds after the California Teachers Association held a mass rally in Sacramento last May.

Davis followed up with statements saying the 2000-2001 Cost of Living Increase (COLA) was to make up for previous years that the state suffered a deficit of funds for school. Because the money was unrestricted for the first time in recent memory, many took that to mean the money would go toward teacher salaries, and many Bay Area districts are using the entire 2000-2001 COLA funds for salary hikes.

In the past decade, the Albany Unified School District has seen raises — some years hovered near three percent, while others saw no raise at all.

ATA president Dave De Hart, who is also a member of the negotiating team working with the district, contends the district's portion amounts to 10.94 percent. But even that number is in dispute.

Superintendent Gary Mills said, "I'm not sure that is accurate. Our

a combination color TV/VCR. Second prize is \$100 cash, third and fourth prizes are \$50 cash.

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hoped for a better turnout," he said. De Hart credits the teachers — 98 percent of whom rejected the district's tentative settlement — with taking the lead.

Teachers are now seeking a two-year contract with the district. If funds are tied to programs, as district officials are saying, "Then make it up to us next year," said De Hart.

Neither side of the dispute will say when a settlement might be reached. The next step for teachers would be working strictly to contract.

"If we don't get any movement from the board, we will stop putting in the extra (hours)," said De Hart. "It's not something we'd like to do."

While teachers were marching, several passers-by admitted to being unfamiliar with the issue. But pro-teacher sentiment, as the parents pointed out in the meeting, is strong, and even those who don't have children in Albany schools voiced support for the cause.

Rose Levinson, who was receiving a pedicure when she spotted the protest, said it was understandable for teachers to compare themselves to other districts. "They need to be given more respect and honor," she said.

Chris Rosco observed the rally from a cafe while rocking a baby in a carriage.

"Especially since Albany has high test scores, I think the raise should reflect that," he said.

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student-related issues.

Many large districts, such as West Contra Costa Unified, have their own police forces. Others, including Hayward and Castro Valley, use city police officers or county sheriff's deputies on campus.

Most students have grown somewhat accustomed to the presence of an armed police officer wearing a black cap strolling around the campus. Most hardly notice him, while some stop and chat.

As school ended the other day, a boy ran up to him to report his bicycle had been found.

Ayers says students' reactions have changed since the first day of school.

He confessed, "The first week quite a few kids said, 'What the heck are you doing here?'"

Which officer would take on the position was never much in dispute, according to Ayers. After two years of public hearings, he was the only one that still wanted to do it.

A youth sports coach of 20 years, with two children of his own, Ayers says he likes the position so far. It also offers him a change of pace after 23 years in the force.

He says he likes the job so far, although, for the same salary, he finds himself working longer days and spending hours on paperwork.

The debate over whether to provide a police officer at the high school began brewing two years ago, when the district first started looking into it as an added safety measure for students and teachers.

After months of passionate discussion and debate, the Albany School Board voted 3-2 in favor of hiring an SRO last November.

With two aides already at the school, who take on such situations as kids caught smoking, the SRO is not the only security presence on campus. But, along with the "power of arrest," the SRO has training in more heavy-duty areas like narcotics, constitutional law and search and seizure.

Still, the job is more often spent pulling aside disruptive students so teachers can focus on teaching.

The hardest part, he said, is walking the line between being so soft as to be unapproachable, or so soft as to be ineffective.

Ayers claimed some of his staunchest opponents have called him to state their approval.

In addition, some students say they think the SRO will prevent acts of violence at the school. "We obviously needed it. If people are going

to do something (disruptive), they might think twice about it," said Nina Samuel, a varsity cheerleader.

But others have yet to embrace the new presence on campus.

For instance, junior Yousif Sassi bristled at the idea and asked, "Why does he have to carry a gun?" bringing up one of the main criticisms of SRO opponents.

According to superintendent Gary Mills, who pushed for the SRO program, the gun is simply a last-resort protection. "As we reviewed that (aspect) in public meetings, it became pretty obvious that there could be a situation where he or others could be in peril," he said.

Board president Bill Cain, who was one of two board members to vote against it, is reserving judgment for now.

He says the program will undergo an evaluation at some point, which will be more anecdotal than based on numbers.

But school principal Gloria Galindo already points to positive feedback from teachers and kids as proof of the program's success.

"In a couple of different incidents, kids have gone to him and asked for help," she said.

Ayers does a lot of walking, and that's what students notice most about him. That, and the fact that he's "nice," they say.

For Ayers the only downfall is the hours. Due to the endless paperwork associated with the position, he first goes to the office at the police station each morning to address such things as grant requirements, then tries to be at campus by 7:30.

Ellen Fiss, whose daughter is a junior at the school, isn't convinced. "I'm still not happy with him there," she said.

Like Sassi, she doesn't like the fact that Ayers packs a gun, and she remains concerned about the \$12,000 a year the school is spending on the position.

But, as the controversy has taken a snooze in the wake of other matters, Fiss added, "It's not even an issue right now."

Last year's vote accepted a three-year, \$125,000 federal Department of Justice grant covering a little more than half of the officer's salary. The remainder is being split between the district and the city.

The city's share is roughly \$18,000 a year.

of self-reflection, as evidenced by the best seller's lists, men have a tendency to be emotionally isolated, out of touch or uncomfortable with their feelings," said Stan Stevens, a family counselor who has been running men's groups in Berkeley and Walnut Creek for years.

Men's groups are a great way to facilitate expression, he said. Men somehow feel safer being emotional with each other when women aren't around. "One of the things that surprised me was how rapidly men will open up (in a group). It tells me men are waiting for this kind of configuration," he said.

McMahon has asked the men in El Cerrito if they want women to join. The answer: please no.

"I think generally men are pretty sacred to share sensitivity in the presence of women, particularly if it's the kind of thing that also brings tears," said Acker, who is divorced and lives alone.

Stevens groups are for men of all ages. But he can see particular benefit for older men. "Retirement for a lot of men can be even more self-isolated. It's easy to not get up much, to become captive to the computer or the television, to have very little social life."

Men's groups for seniors aren't unique, but nor are they common, said Bob Knight, a psychologist and professor of gerontology at the University of Southern California.

"It's a great concept," he said. Knight knows of no research directly on the affect of senior men's

groups. But studies do show a strong link between longevity and social connection. Isolated seniors tend not to live as long as their peers with social ties.

"It's rare to find opportunities like this one where you can talk on a personal sharing level, which is exactly what people need to feel more connected and less lonely," he said.

McMahon's group knows this

well.

"We're so close that when the group closes for the summer, we meet in a restaurant," said Ev Schaffer, 82, retired from Pacific Telephone.

Coy compared the weekly meetings to emotional aspirin. Acker has a different take. "This is more like truth serum," he said with a hearty laugh.

Analysis

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Tom Williams, project manager with McGill Martin Self Inc., said in a letter to Woepke earlier this month that the analysis will include "demand factors" such as demographic and socioeconomic conditions, buying power and "market area competitive characteristics."

"Is there a demand for office space? Is there a demand for high-end restaurants?" Grossman said in a talk earlier this week. "What's available in the city to satisfy those demands?"

Williams also listed several "supply factors" to be analyzed, including vacancy rates, current supply of competing businesses and lease rates, terms and comparable land sales figures.

A retail sales "leakage model" will also be prepared by the company, Williams said. He said this model will determine the "extent of retail sales leakage into other commercial areas" outside El Cerrito and ways the city can "recapture" these sales.

The study will establish market needs and will "acknowledge the full spectrum of potential uses," Grossman said.

"What is the market for retail, types of retail, office space, semi-commercial as well as residential?" Grossman asked.

He said the analysis will "take a look at what is our potential market and also to look at what we're losing in terms of sales dollars outside because people can't buy things within the city."

The cost of the study is estimated to be between \$15,500 and \$20,300. "We're going to try to get the data

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After a 25-year career as an interior designer, most with the largest architectural firm in the country, McKay has gone decidedly exterior in following her dream to start a business importing from Asia.

Her inaugural trip with a cheap air-courier flight to China launched the Nancy McKay Design and Trading Company. McKay travels alone, to places like China, Burma, Thailand, and Nepal, without translators, and prefers accommodations more suited to the local population than the tourist population. This mode of travel allows her to

experience a more intimate view of the people and the culture. And adventures are a given.

On her first trip, she brought duffel bags and bubble wrap. Now, three years later, she is shipping crates and containers of her one-of-a-kind antique furniture, tribal and folk art, and accessories. Asked how her selection differs from other importers, McKay replied, I buy as a designer, with a western eye, and only treasures I would want for myself."

Her current collection includes large Chinese wardrobe and apothecary cabinets; temple tables; benches; Thai, Laotian and Burmese tribal baskets; ox-skin covered boxes and trunks The San Francisco Chronicle has said that her merchandise "stands out as unusual and individualistic."

McKay's venue for sales is a warehouse located near the Oakland airport. She is available seven days a week, by appointment, for both wholesale and retail. She can be reached at (510) 655-2598.

For McKay, life after retirement is not only an adventure but a true reflection of her motto "Live to travel, travel to live."

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- Prune trees and shrubs. Remove damaged and crossing branches first, then prune for shape.
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JANUARY:

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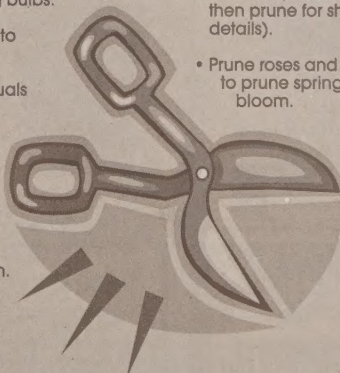
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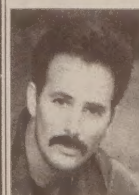
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In the residential construction industry there are two types of drainage systems generally used: surface drainage systems and underground drainage systems. Both of these systems attempt to control water by capturing, conveying and discharging it in a predetermined, specific manner. The typical residential project uses both surface and underground systems.

Surface drainage systems are closed systems having direct access to the surface. They remove heavy amounts of rainfall by conveying the water into underground pipes and away from the designated problem areas. Surface drain systems are typically either directional or trench systems. They are incorporated into patios, landscaping, driveways, walkways, and conveying roof gutter downspout water. Trench or barrier drains are ideal for landscape applications. Sheets of water are intercepted by these linear barrier drains. The open surface area of a barrier drain grate is much greater than that of an area drain hence

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She began her peculations last Wednesday. Going to the home of Mrs. Taber, who conducts a lodging house, she rented a room. Her actions were so clever and her manner and speech so guileless that she at once won the confidence of the lodging house proprietor. A room was engaged by the swindler who said that her trunk would arrive soon. She further stated that any delay would be occasioned by the fact that she might have misdirected the expressman, telling them to go to Channing way instead of Chapel street. This mistake she explained was due to looking at so many rooms on different streets that she had become confused.

Nothing was thought of the trunk episode by Mrs. Taber, who comfortably encoined the new guest in her lodgings. When Thursday morning had dawned upon Chapel street "Mrs. Moore" laid flat, and with her an algaun white covering, which was valued at \$50. This was the first intimation that the landlady received that she had been victimized.

Further swindling by the unknown woman is told in another chapter. Late that Wednesday afternoon "Mrs. Moore" complained, of feeling unwell. Going to Pond's Drug Store she ordered \$3.00 worth of patent preparations, giving the name of Mrs. Taber. It seems that the Channing way hallucination was still with her for she asked to have the drugs sent to 2220 Channing way. Half an hour later she came back and corrected the street to Chapel. The bold operator asked that a bill be sent with the goods.

When Druggist Pond's employee presented the bill he was asked to wait until the following day. As Mrs. Taber's credit was good the request was readily granted. It is unnecessary to state that Mrs. Moore has not put in an appearance at either the drug store or lodging house again.

The petty larcenist is described as being plainly dressed having grey hair and being over 50 years of age.

Berkeley 1900

By Richard Schwartz

With Halloween upon us, I think of the pranks that are played at this time of year. Around the turn of the century, there used to be a short hill on Shattuck Avenue near Cedar and the train would have to climb its steep short rise. On Halloween someone (we always presume "kids") used to soap the tracks at this hill for Halloween and the train would spin its wheels and not be able to make the climb. You can almost feel the hidden kid's stomachs tremble and tighten with contained laughter as they hid nearby and watched.

But some mischief and scams were not so innocuous 100 years ago and it seems downright contemporary.

There were clever scams that were so well hatched and executed that the victims sometimes didn't know what hit them until it was too late, just as your classic scammer would have planned it. The confidence men of old Berkeley were just as likely confidence women, giving an early definition of sexual equality in the trade. As amusing as these tales are to us so long after the fact, in their day confidence men and women rustled the fabric of human trust in the community. That was their biggest crime.

Richard Schwartz's new book, "Berkeley 1900, Daily Life at the Turn of the Century," a snapshot of daily life 100 years ago as described in the pages of the Berkeley Daily Gazette, is available at Berkeley bookstores. His first book, "The Circle of Stones, An Investigation of the Circle of Stones in Stampede Valley, Sierra County, California," is also available at many Berkeley bookstores.



A SCENE FROM the movie 'Officer 44', filmed in Berkeley.

Annoyed by Hoodlums.

The residents of Peralta are complaining of the nightly disturbances of hoodlums who congregate at the corner of Aaby and Shattuck avenues. The youths perpetrate all manner of pranks much to the discomfort of the residents.



BERKELEY POLICE DEPARTMENT HISTORICAL PRESERVATION SOCIETY
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COLLECTS, BUT KEEPS THE MONEY

A suave young man, representing himself to be C. C. McCann, a bill collecting agent, has been working the merchants of the West End for the past two weeks, according to H. W. De Leon of 1464 Sixth street. The method of procedure of the alleged spurious agent is an old one. He will call on a merchant, talk pleasantly with him for a while, present his card and ask the business man if he had any bad debts which he has been trying to collect for years. He declares that collecting bad debts is his business and he is an expert at it. Generally the business man digs up some old bills and gives them to him to collect.

One of the heaviest sufferers by McCann's operations is DeLeon, who entrusted a bill of \$8.85 to him for collection two weeks ago. McCann has never returned and today DeLeon learned the bill had been paid by the debtor. DeLeon makes known his loss in order that the other merchants of the town may be warned.

IS AFTER BREAKERS OF LAW

That Marshal Vollmer has issued a warrant to enforce all the ordinances of the town and especially the one relating to the collecting of money without a license is well known. The warrant was issued this morning when it was evident that the morning edition for was arrested at the corner of Aaby and Shattuck avenues by Captain Moran and looked at the warrant with violating a city ordinance. The warrant is a teamster and was issued on business, the quarterly license which was due two weeks ago. The driver claimed that he had not given notice to pay up. The warrant is issued on bail.

Marshal Vollmer has issued a warrant to the effect that all persons conducting businesses which require licenses must pay them before they take the chances of being arrested, fined or imprisoned. The warrant of license is July 15, at the end of the fiscal year, and all persons, pressmen, solicitors, etc., are not as yet paid their assessments. The warrant is issued on the ground of violating a city ordinance.

Has Bicycle stolen. Arnold Barnett who is working with the Berkeley Electric Light Company on Shattuck avenue reports the police this morning that a bicycle belonging to him had been stolen last night. The wheel which is worth thirty-five dollars was left standing the door of the firm's office. Barnett went inside with the idea of returning in a few moments. When he returned the bicycle was gone. He called the aid of the police who are now looking for it. A number of wheels have been stolen in this city under similar conditions and the police are of the opinion that some one is systematically stealing the bicycles and peddling the city.

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RON SALSIG
Range Rat

Qualified for stress on the PGA Tour

When author John Feinstein decided to devote his considerable writing skills to the PGA Tour, he had no idea he would be writing a book about qualifying. But he was bright enough to ask the golfers on tour where they experienced the most pressure, and they did not say the U.S. Open. They said Q-School.

Thus "A Good Walk Spoiled" was born. But Q-School is still widely misunderstood.

The PGA Tour is a world of glitz and glamour beyond a golfer's wildest dreams, a place where \$1 million or more can be won in one week's work, playing golf. How a golfer earns his way onto that tour is a different matter entirely.

The structure of entry to the dream is an enormous, dark labyrinth of gothic proportions, a land of shadows encapsulated in one abbreviated word: Q-School.

This is the annual qualifying tournament to the PGA Tour. The "school" in Q-School comes from a school that follows the tournament, where new members of the tour are taught the rudiments, like where to stay, how to enter an event, how to handle the media... everything you need to know, right up to how to step on a gallery rope.

Q-School is three tournaments. The first tournament, called Stage I, is a four-round local qualifying where approximately one-quarter of the field at each location advances. The second four-round tournament, Stage II, the semifinals, is held at six locations across the country. The final tournament, Stage III, is a marathon six-round competition, this year at PGA West near Palm Springs Nov. 29 through Dec. 4.

Of the thousands who enter Q-School, only 30 to 35 earn playing privileges on the PGA Tour (the exact number is given at Stage III). The rest of the field from Stage III earn some sort of exemption to the Buy.com Tour, based on their position in the Stage III tournament.

That's right, the PGA Tour's minor league consists of those players who missed qualifying for the regular tour by a stroke or two through 14 rounds of golf.

Qualifying for the tour was not always this way. Before 1983, every event on tour had a Monday qualifying tournament, with some 20 to 50 spots available. If a golfer qualified on a Monday and made the cut in the event, he was automatically exempt into the next week's field. That was how a player played his way onto the tour. The top 60 on the money list were exempt from qualifying.

In 1983 the all-exempt tour was born, from a very unlikely source. Gary McCord was tired of those Mondays. He devised a new structure for the tour while on an airplane, outlining the basics on a cocktail napkin. The PGA Tour policy board agreed there were too many golfers in those Monday qualifying, and McCord's all-exempt tour was born.

The plan was to have four qualifying tournaments a year — winter, spring, summer and fall. But they started with two Q-Schools, winter and fall, and quickly went to one. After all, the guys voting on this thing all now had exempt status.

Because there was controversy, they kept a Monday qualifying to each event, but with only four available spots.

Controversy? You bet! Suddenly one tournament determined whether or not a golfer was good enough to play the tour. Any golfer can have a bad tournament. It happens all the time. But in this system, if your bad tournament is Q-School, no matter how many U.S. Amateur titles you have won, you are out.

At least in the old system the cream would come to the top. In this annual system cream quickly curdled.

The LPGA Tour quickly followed the

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'Jackets hole up, defeat Hornets

Berkeley in driver's seat in ACCAL; Schooley, Rivera total nine goals

By Scott Strain
STAFF WRITER

ALAMEDA — The Berkeley boys water polo team defeated host Alameda 12-9 Tuesday afternoon to remain undefeated in the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League — but the score, in actuality, was 2-1.

The Yellowjackets had two hole set guys and the Hornets had one. It was a classic case of "fire in the Hole" for Berkeley. The term is loosely used for blasting operations and for Berkeley, Joe Rivera and David Schooley were dynamite — Schooley had five goals and Rivera had four.

The 'Jackets got ahead early, never trailed, were tied once and Alameda scored just enough to keep the match close.

Artie Cortez is the main hole guy for Alameda and he had his hands full. When he would defend Rivera, Schooley would get loose. When he switched to Schooley, a 6-foot-7 junior, Rivera would cause problems.

"They had one good hole defender (Cortez)," Rivera said. "So what we did was put two of us in there so he can't guard both of us. It always left one of us open."

Rivera and Schooley both scored goals in the first three minutes of the opening period to give Berkeley a 2-0 lead. Steve Lodigiani tied the match up a 2-2 with a



BERKELEY'S CARL NASSMAN (top, left) and **David Schooley** (center) swam down an Alameda Hornet during their Oct. 24 match at Alameda. The Yellowjackets stopped the Hornets to remain undefeated in the ACCAL.

shot at 4:07, but Berkeley's Carl Nassman hit a wide-open shot at the three-minute mark for 3-2. The Hornets never managed to swim back into a tie or lead.

Nassman scored again at 6:20 for a 4-2 lead and the 'Jackets built it up to 6-3 with 3:30 remaining in the period when Schooley and Charlie Benton scored.

Daren Chan hit for the Hornets at the 4:59 mark.

Alameda cut the lead to 6-5 with a late rally just before the half. Cortez scored at 1:43 and Lodigiani got one 11 seconds later. Berkeley coach Bill Gaebler called a time out and the 'Jackets escaped without any further scoring although Lodi-

giani did hit the post in the last minute. Rivera also missed a shot.

In the third quarter, Berkeley started going to the hole big-time. Schooley assisted on Rivera's shot at 2:24 for 7-5 and Berkeley goalie Chris May started rejecting shots with a vengeance. Jeff Janvier scored with an assist from Cortez but the Schooley flipped in a backhand seconds later for 8-6.

It was a scenario that would be repeated. Alameda would score and then Schooley would flip in a backhand from his hole position. The Hornets could not stop it.

Said Cortez, "His (Schooley's) height didn't cause a lot of problems, but every time we made a move, he would come back."

"No one scored on Cortez," Alameda coach Robert Rodd said, "but Berkeley would send two guys in on him and the one he (Cortez) couldn't guard would be open."

Alameda would score and Berkeley would respond. Schooley scored three goals and Rivera one from the hole. May came up with eight solid blocks in the fourth period to continually frustrate the Hornets. Janvier scored two goals in the period and Lodigiani and Cortez each had one, but it wasn't enough.

The short (20-yard) pool also helped Berkeley. "We were able to get into our offense quicker because we didn't have to swim so far," Emilio Carrasco-Zanini said. "We didn't have to swim far and we were able to set up quicker than Alameda."

It was the third time this season Berkeley has defeated Alameda and most of the scores have been close. The Yellowjackets close out their season with matches against Encinal and St. Patrick/St. Vincent but should win those and go on to the North Coast Section championships. But the 'Jackets faced their biggest obstacle on Tuesday and simply proved that Alameda didn't have enough fire in the hole.

Berkeley sinks Alameda

By Scott Strain
STAFF WRITER

ALAMEDA — It wasn't the best of times for the Alameda girls water polo team, which dropped a 9-3 verdict to Berkeley Tuesday afternoon. The Hornets have only one victory in the Bay Shore Athletic League and that came against a weak St. Patrick/St. Vincent team.

The Yellowjackets are not SPSV, but one of the better teams in the BSAL. Coach Bill Gaebler substituted freely throughout the match, but still found enough firepower to score nine goals.

"Our team has been improving with exception of this game," Alameda coach Chris Hakim said. "We played in the DVC Tournament and was kind of like our stepping stone. We were going. But here was a step down. But it happens."

Berkeley grabbed a 4-0 early in the first period, but Alameda came back to make it a competitive 4-2 score as Ashley Tennell scored both goals. Berkeley's Carrie Guilfoyle scored the only goal of the second quarter at 1:07 to give the 'Jackets a 5-2 lead.

I think we are improving," Tennell said, "but this was not a good game for us. In intensity level in practice was not good yesterday (Monday) and it reflected in our game today."

"We're still learning how to play as a team and keep our intensity level up in practice. In our other games, we have played better."

But coming into this game, we weren't mentally ready to play. That all there is to it."

It was all Berkeley in the second half as it outscored the Hornets 4-1. Liana Cheng had the only goal for Alameda.

For Berkeley, Guilfoyle and Cody Kefler had three goals apiece in limited playing time. Trina Jones had two and Sonja Graves one.



St. Mary's Lorenzo Alexander dragged Albany's Mike Estis during their Oct. 21 game in Berkeley. The Panthers dominated the second to post a 34-0 victory.

Panthers rebound with 2nd straight shutout

George crashes for 3 touchdowns against Albany

By Dean Rosener
CORRESPONDENT

BERKELEY — Tailback Trestin George and his St. Mary's teammates have shifted into a second gear for the second half of the season.

Suffering through a 2-3 start, the resurgent Panthers have blasted their way back with two lopsided, shutout wins. A 34-0 drubbing of Albany last Saturday followed a 53-0 mauling of Kennedy the week before.

After a 183-yards-in-18-carries game

against Kennedy, George encoored with another spectacular show, picking up 159 yards and three touchdowns on 14 carries against Albany.

"I'm just following my reads," said the understated George. "Big holes are opening."

"We're sticking with the running game now," St. Mary's coach Dan Shaughnessy said, "partly because Trestin has been outstanding and partly because we're dropping too many passes."

The upswing arrives just in time. The two blowouts were the Panthers' first Bay Shore Athletic League games, leaving them 4-3 overall, but 2-0 in league. Albany fell to 1-6 and 1-1 in the BSAL.

Prep football

St. Mary's 34
Albany 0

Albany's collapse against St. Mary's repeated a season-long theme. Their talented players, especially elusive quarterback Yaw Yiadom and workhorse tailback Karl Moore, give them a chance to compete for two periods. The Cougars trailed only 7-0 at halftime. But then their lack of depth wears them down.

"We can't simulate at practice," said Albany coach Anthony Freeman, "because we don't have 22 players. Sometimes I have to pitch in. But I'm too old for that."

"Things will be better next year, when we move into a new building. And spirit remains high. Our kids show up every day, work hard every day and are good students."

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Prep girls' water polo

Berkeley 9
Alameda 3

On going poll to poll; who really is on top?

I don't know why people put so much stock in polls; you know — top 20 Bay Area football poll, that kind of thing. We at Sports Focus put a lot of time and effort into putting together the most accurate poll humanly possible.

All right, truth be told we spend about 15 minutes from 10:45 to 11:00 on Friday nights working out the virtues of Miramonte's win over Las Lomas compared to Skyline's loss to Ygnacio Valley. The conversation usually goes some thing like, "Yeah they beat Las Lomas but they should never have lost to Vintage."

"True, but they were hurt in that game with their starting quarterback out."

"But who have they beaten that's a quality team?"

"They beat Las Lomas!" And so it goes. We ended up not ranking Miramonte, which meant several e-mails immediately after the showed aired Saturday night.

Think about this: Ygnacio Valley did beat Skyline — a good win over a quality team. But, Pittsburg beat Ygnacio Valley, Clayton Valley beat Pittsburg and Ygnacio Valley beat Clayton Valley. So where do you rank these guys? Beats me.

When it comes right down to it, there are normally one or two jour-



ROBERT BRAUNSTEIN

Focus on Sports

nalists giving the polls their best shot, leaving everyone but number one disappointed for not being ranked high enough. Mike Delfino is in charge of polls for Sports Focus. He keeps track of who has beaten whom then, after some consultation, puts it on the show. His motto is no poll really means a thing until the final poll of the season. Yeah, but Miramonte should be ranked somewhere, right?

Skyline's win over Fremont Friday was all a heavyweight fight should be. Two top contenders with great records ready to square off for 15 rounds. Unlike Tyson vs. Gullotta, this one lived up to its billing. Skyline fell behind 14-0 in the first quarter with Fremont's outstanding quarterback L'ario Vital connecting with his brother Genardo for one touchdown and Larry Latimore returning an interception 46 yards for the other. But Brandon Sanders picked off a pass for the Titans and scored to get the

game close in the second. Skyline ended up taking the lead 21-14.

Fremont was not about to quit. L'ario ran 32 yards on a quarterback draw to make it 21-20. Fremont went for the win, but this time L'ario fell short of the end zone. Skyline wins by decision.

There will most likely be a rematch Thanksgiving Day in the Silver Bowl, but it won't be a turkey like Tyson/Gullotta.

It's not fun losing game after game, that's why I smiled when I saw that Mt. Eden had won their first game in a long time. It's also why I was surprised to see Freedom finish fast and come within a nose of the Colts from Logan. De La Salle pounded Freedom the week before, certainly no crime. Still, Logan came in 5-1 and with an offense putting up bigger numbers than the NASDAQ.

But there they were moving up and down the field with Nick Enslinger looking more like a gun-slinger firing passes to a variety of receivers. In the end Logan escaped Brentwood with a seven-point win, proclaiming Freedom the best team without a win in the Bay Area.

Based on strength of schedule, maybe they should be ranked in our poll?



UC BERKELEY'S ADAM SHAFFER has been putting the time in on the track to earn time on the country course.

Berkeley on home stretch in ACCAL

Reed, rushes for 4 TD's to lead Yellowjackets past Oilers

By Kurt Kloeblen

Times Staff Writer

BERKELEY — The Ramone Reed express continued to gain strength as the Berkeley High School running back rushed 11 times for 135 yards and four touchdowns to lead the Yellowjackets (3-4, 3-0 Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League) to a 40-14 win over Richmond (1-6, 0-4 ACCAL).

The win is the third straight for Berkeley after starting the season 0-4. The win also puts the Yellowjackets in sole possession of first place in the ACCAL, one-half game ahead of El Cerrito.

Reed, one of the area's top rushers coming into the game, now has 711 yards total on the season and 12 touchdowns.

"We have to keep confident, but

also not get too big headed," Reed said.

He also played a stellar game at his line-backer position. "The next two weeks will test how good we are," he said.

The Yellowjackets take on Pinole Valley (6-1, 3-1 ACCAL) tonight and on Nov. 3 face El Cerrito (4-3, 2-0 ACCAL), in what may decide the league title.

Berkeley stormed out of the gate and put Richmond on the ropes early. On the first possession of the game, the Yellowjackets marched 61 yards in just five plays to take the early lead. Fullbacks Joey Terry-Jones and Nick Schooler each had big runs to key the drive. Terry-Jones plunged in from the 1 to give Berkeley a 6-0 lead.

After three plays netted the Oilers only two yards on the ensuing possession, Richmond was forced to punt from its own 20. The Yellowjackets' Reed busted up the middle

Prep football

Berkeley 40
Richmond 14

and blocked Lewis Montgomery's punt. Leon Ireland picked up the bouncing ball in the end zone for a 13-0 Berkeley lead.

Late in the first quarter Berkeley took the ball at the Oilers 34 after a short punt. On the second play, Reed ran up the middle, juke one man, hit his own lineman and eventually rambled in for the 28-yard score and a 20-0 lead.

Reed also scored the next three touchdowns for the Yellowjackets. The first was a dazzling 46-yard score midway through the second quarter. The last two came in the second half on 1- and 14-yard runs.

Richmond's two scores came on Montgomery's passes. The first was a 68-yard pass to Corey Anderson late in the first half and the other a 16-yard pass to Tanzil Wagia late in the fourth quarter.

Montgomery finished the game completing 7 of 19 passes for 145 yards.

Berkeley piled up 278 yards on the ground. To go with Reed's 135 yards, Terry-Jones also had a strong game, carrying eight times for 78 yards.

Panthers

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The Cougars fought the Panthers to a standstill in the first half — except for one series.

Midway in the first period, St. Mary's fashioned a quick, 78-yard scoring drive in seven plays. Starting with George's outside rambles of 18 and 15 yards, it ended with an inside rumble of 23 yards by fullback Danny Wheeler.

"They have to respect Trestin so much on the outside that it leaves inside holes for me," said Wheeler, a senior who is also a stalwart on defense at middle linebacker.

One, two, three. St. Mary's struck almost that quickly for their three, third-quarter touchdowns.

First, George capped a seven-play, 37-yard drive by scampering wide left for four yards and a score. Pat Barry's conversion made it 14-0, Panthers, with 7:22 left in the third period.

Barry then characteristically boomed the kickoff so deep into the end zone that it could not be returned. On Albany's very first play, Panther linebacker Omar Flood zoomed in to intercept Ydiom's pass in the flat and coast 20 yards for a touchdown. St. Mary's led, 20-0.

Then George began to dominate the tiring Cougars. Sweeping left and patiently waiting for a hole, he found it and sprinted 45 yards to Albany's 4. Three plays later he plunged in from the 1 for the Panthers' third touchdown in 4 1/2 minutes. St. Mary's led, 27-0, after three quarters.

George wasn't through. Fittingly he finished the game's scoring with a 42-yard burst down the left side-line. It was 34-0 Panthers with 10:37 remaining — and that's how it ended.

"The two long runs were basically the same play," said George, "except I chose an inside read on the first, and an outside one on the second. Coach Shaughnessy gives us nice options like that. On both, the blocking was great."

George added: "We're going good,

but we're not satisfied. We still have three big league games to go."

Post game:

SCHEDULES ... The first of St. Mary's big BSAL games is tonight at St. Patrick's at 7 p.m.

The Panthers are at John Swett on Nov. 3 (7 p.m.), then host Piedmont on Nov. 11 at 1:30 p.m.

STATS ... Wheeler gained 62 yards in nine carries. In all, St. Mary's gained 303 yards (248 rushing, 55 passing) to 163 for Albany (44 rushing, 119 passing).

OLD FRIENDS ... Saturday was Alumni Day at St. Mary's. Honorary captain George Korte played on the Panthers' 1952 squad — a team captained by Shaughnessy.

Korte has been a San Francisco attorney for 35 years, and his 50-year friendship with Shaughnessy is still going strong.

"I don't know anyone who puts as much into his profession as Dan" Korte said. "He could have been a CEO, anything he wanted to be. He has desire, intensity, enthusiasm."

SPORTS BRIEFS

Albany High grad stars at Vassar

Albany High School graduate Annie Izaki is a senior midfielder and co-captain for the women's soccer team at Vassar College of Poughkeepsie, N.Y. Through the first 10 matches, Izaki played in nine, starting each of them. Izaki had four goals and one assist.

"Annie gives us real power in mid-field, and she has started to push forward more and is getting goals," says Vassar interim coach Norm Riker.

As a team, Vassar was 1-3 in its first year of Upstate Collegiate Athletic Association play with a win over Skidmore. The team was 6-4 overall. Vassar, which started the season well, never fell below the .500 mark through its first 10 matches.

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Piedmont High School is looking for coaches for its winter sports season. The Highlanders have coaching vacancies in freshman girls basketball and junior varsity girls soccer. Applicants should call athletic director Karyn Shipp at 594-2744.

St. Joseph-Notre Dame High School in Alameda has openings for the following coaching positions: girls head varsity volleyball, girls assistant varsity volleyball, girls junior varsity volleyball, boys assistant varsity soccer, boys junior varsity baseball, girls junior varsity softball and assistant track.

Hoop tournament looking for a team

Washington High School-Fremont needs a team to fill a boys varsity basketball tournament for Thursday through Saturday, Dec. 7-9. Call Washington coach Guin Boggs at 794-8866 or 790-0780.

Fall basketball

Berkeley Youth Alternatives is taking registrations for its afterschool basketball programs. The Pee Wee Coed Basketball League is for players 6-7. The All-Net Coed Basketball League is for players 8-10. Girls Twilight Basketball is open to high school players. Call BYA at 845-9066.

Swimming

The El Cerrito Gators year-round youth swim team is open to swimmers 5-18 who can swim one length of the pool. The Gators' program emphasizes fitness, teamwork and offers opportunities for healthy competition. The club accommodates all levels of swimmers and focuses on perfecting technique, improving en-

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Schlagenhauf of Walnut Creek, Aaron Oberholser of San Mateo and Todd Fischer of Pleasanton.

Former Cal golfer Charlie W. advanced in Texas, shooting 67 in the final round (the only one he broke 70). Notables who did not advance from Texas included Manny Zerman, former U.S. amateur champ Hank Kuehn and Mickelson (Phil's brother).

Javier Sanchez, who missed a 28 on the back nine of the Course in the Alameda County, failed to advance by two strokes in Georgia. Eric Moraga of Concord was also in Georgia but shot a 79 in the final round place 64th.

Steve Woods of San Jose advanced in fifth place in Pleasanton former Cal golfer Han Lee shot 69 in the final round which was one stroke too many. He was a state.

Andy Barnes of Stockton finished in second place at La Playa GC in Lompoc, where Andy (Johnny's son), Sung Man and Walnut Creek and Joel Kibben Pleasanton also advanced. He by a single stroke. Kevin Moraga killed his chance with third-round 78.

Stage I continues this week six sites, including Dayton GC in Carson City.

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Ron Salsig, who made it to the twice, just ran out of space to be reached at rsalsig@pacbell.net

Former missionary in Africa sees downside to progress

Community Folk

By Clara-Rae Genser

peaceful since its independence in 1959.

The schools taught Swahili, and later, starting in about the fifth grade, English was added. Lois thinks for a moment, then says, "There were many more church owned and administered schools than government schools then. Since that time they have turned over most of the primary schools to the government. But the church still runs most of the secondary schools. Our goal, she reports, is to train national workers and leaders, and pastors, as well. In that area, she says, there are very few, almost no missionaries, because they have all been trained.

After two terms of service in Tanzania, Lois tells us she was called to Ethiopia to an Ethiopian radio station. Ethiopia, she says, is quite different from Eastern Africa. It has a known culture and its own history, since ancient times. The hard working people have a different way of dress, she notes. "I didn't become quite as much at home there. I worked in English and didn't get to know the language.

After Ethiopia it was back to Tanzania, where she worked in a tourist area as coordinator of a study program. The program taught the wives of seminary students how to read and write. "Then they could read the readers of their children who were away at school." And she adds, "To see them stand before a group and read. Wonderful."

She spoke of the change that came about in Tanzania. Where the call to become a missionary had come from the church here, it is now from the church in Tanzania. And what they do there (i.e. seminary teacher in math or etc.) is now decided by the church there. And she adds that there are now 3-1/2 million members in the Lutheran Church in that country.

Leaving Africa was very difficult for her. "It had really become home. The end of the world is home." She had lived in simple but comfortable homes, usually made of brick or cement blocks. They had a cistern and hand pump to bring water into a metal tank in the attic. They could buy vegetables and fruit, live animals and eggs, although most people didn't know about eating eggs. There were Indian-run stores where they could buy such things as flour and sugar and some canned goods.

Although she lived only 10 miles from a city, she says "you never got to go to concerts or movies," but, "It was here God wanted me to be and I never missed those things."

When she returned there was culture shock. The waste, she said, was the worst part. The overabundance of choices at the grocery store. The waste of water, when they had to make do with what was left in the cistern until the next rain.

She turned down an invitation to return, and, finally met again Mr. Okerstrom, who, with his wife, had been friends of hers before she left, 18 years before. His wife had died and she and Okerstrom

married. "A very dear man, gentle and generous. We had 28 wonderful years together. He died in 1999." She had gotten him into hiking and camping, and they did a lot of traveling, even to Africa where he could see where she had worked. They did Meals on Wheels for five years, and he worked with the Berkeley Community Concerts. They had a very full life.

She still keeps very busy, still

belongs to the Contra Costa Hills Hiking Club, still likes to travel, is active in the church and with Church Women United. "I do a little bit of gardening, a little bit of house work and a very little bit of cooking. I love movies."

And she has written "Mosaic Remembrances, Rewrites, Reflections" which was just recently printed. She co-compiled "Touched by the African Soil", the work of

62 different writers who had all lived and worked together in Central Tanzania. This is being reprinted. And Bond Magazine sent out a photographer and flew co-coordinator Gloria Cunningham out here, where they took pictures of them together. This will be out in January/February.

So, yes, she keeps busy. And she has had a long and satisfying life of service. She is a very re-

laxed and comfortable person.

I thank Charlotte Weber for suggesting Lois Okerstrom to me. It was the first time I had interviewed a missionary, and I enjoyed the experience. And, as usual, I invite your input: interesting people, events, etc. Please write to me at 555 Pierce St., #443, Albany, CA 94706, or call 525-4585. My email is cregenser@aol.com

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Dr. Sandra Kamusikiri, professor of English at CSU San Bernardino speaks on "The Windrush" Oct. 27, 7 p.m. at the Windrush cafe, 1800 Elm St. Dr. Kamusikiri reenacts the challenges faced by Biddy Mason a slave who accompanied a Mormon family from Georgia to San Bernardino. She went on to found the first elementary school for African-American children and the first African Methodist Episcopal Church in Los Angeles. Dr. Kamusikiri's three-part presentation includes an in-character question and answer portion and historical perspective. The lecture is free. Call 970-780 ext. 203 for more information.

Turning Point Career Center, 2600 Bancroft Way, presents "Managing a Successful Arts Bookstore and Gift Shop," on Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2-4 p.m. Mary Busby, owner of Sagrada will speak on the challenges of building a business based on what you love. Fee: \$3 at the door. For more information, call 848-8300.

Judy Simmons lectures on Monday, Oct. 30, 7:30 p.m. at the First Unitarian Church, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. Simmons will lecture on the process she uses to develop her wearable art clothing. Admission: members free, non-members \$3. For questions and information, call Sonia Callahan at 834-3706 or 4 Smith at 653-9534.

WICA offers free orientations of its Turning Point Career Center. The orientations outline the resources available to the public as well as the different things the center has to offer such as a job training workshop. They are held every Tuesday, at 1:30 p.m. The Turning Point Career Center is located at 2600 Bancroft Way. For more information, call 848-8370.

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Theater, Dance & Film

Circle Dancing, simple Israeli, Scottish, Greek, and other folk dancing in a circle, Findhorn style, takes place on Friday, Nov. 3, at 7:45 to 10 p.m., at the Finish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut St. Beginners welcome, no partners needed. Small donation appreciated but not necessary. Call 528-4253 for more information.

Mikhail Baryshnikov and company celebrate the influence of post-modern choreographers in "Past Forward," from Wednesday to Saturday, Nov. 1-4, 8 p.m., at UC Berkeley at Zellerbach Hall. The event, an evening of dance, film, and narrative, is presented by Cal Performances. Tickets: \$36, \$48, and \$60. For more information, or to charge tickets, call 642-9988.

Berkeley Repertory Theatre, 2025 Addison St., presents a final performance of "The Green Bird" on Saturday, Oct. 28, 8 p.m. Tickets for the added performance are available. Cost: \$51. For information or to charge tickets by phone with VISA, MasterCard or Discover, call 647-2949.

Cal Performances presents Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company on Oct. 27 and 28, 8 p.m., at UC Berkeley, Zellerbach Hall. "In the Evening: Length Work You Walk?" explores the influence Latin culture has had on other cultures. The multicultural dance company's piece is set to a wide variety of music from East African traditional and medieval Spanish dance to the uniquely sorrowful sounds of Portuguese fado. Tickets: \$20, \$30, \$42. Call 642-9988 or visit the Web site at www.calperfs.berkeley.edu.

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BILL MANN
Media Notes

Right-wing radio coup?

Say what you will about conservative syndicated radio talkers Rush Limbaugh and Laura (I've said it many times, and it ain't flattering), these two do have their following. In the politically liberal Bay Area it's smaller than their fan base elsewhere, but it exists.

Here's solid proof: The new summer Arbitron radio ratings for the SF/Oakland market are just in, and the big winner is "Hot Talk" KSFQ (960 AM), the conservative talk station that recently welcomed both Dr. Laura and the Rushman. It appears they're right at home: Among all listeners 12 and up, the ratings of the station (which we playfully like to call "Reichstag Radio") jumped from fifth to fifth overall. It's KSFQ's highest placing ever.

And two big 50,000-watt stations took a hit because of it: Disney sister station KGO, which exorcised the controversial Dr. Laura from KSFQ in June, and sports station KNBR, which allowed Limbaugh to get away and then, laughably, claimed it wanted to replace him anyway with sports programming.

Top-rated KGO, whose ratings dropped, still managed to hang on and win its 89th straight ratings period. But KNBR ("We're 50 Percent Commercial-Free"), despite carrying the division-champion Giants' broadcasts, had one of its worst summer Arbitron ratings in years — summer is traditionally the baseball-intensive KNBR's best ratings period. And without Rush and baseball, this next ratings period could be a disaster for "THE Sports Leader."

KNBR sources also tell me exclusively that one of the great soundalike pairs in radio — Radnich and Radich — will no longer both be found on KNBR. Morning man Gary Radnich stays, of course, but sportscaster Kevin "The Rat" Radich, who once worked with Radnich but was moved to afternoons and weekends, will reportedly be saying good-bye on the sports station Friday. He'll be reunited at KXL Radio in Portland with another longtime KNBR personality, newsmen Mark Provost (Provost went to Portland six years ago when KNBR, which may be running the highest commercial load in Bay Area history these days, decided to "move up" — i.e., eliminate — its respected news department). Longtime fans may recall that "The Rat" got his first job in radio at KFOG, when, in 1984, he won a listener contest to pick the rock station's sports announcer.

KGO, even though it managed to win the "beauty contest" of all listeners again, did suffer a big hit this summer. Thanks to KSFQ, it dropped unceremoniously from first to third place in the coveted "Money demo." Listeners Ages 25-34, winning 25-54 this time was "The Mormon Money Machine," Utah-owned music station KOIT. (Alternative rocker KFOG was second in 25-54.) KOIT's corporate sister station, classical KDRC, also improved in the ratings this time.

The reason? Most broadcasters have spoken to say it's the expensive, estimated \$1.5 million TV ad campaign that KOIT/KDRC owner Bonneville Broadcasting employed this summer for the two radio stations. It's hard to miss all those expensive KOIT-KDRC local TV ads.

Another local station in trouble: KATV's direct competitor, K-101, an oldie-but-goodie Top 10 station that had one of its worst ratings periods since K-101, which fired its program director two weeks ago, is now owned by radio conglomerate Clear Channel (and counting) Clear Channel, which absorbed seven major stations here last month, thus giving it the biggest chunk of local radio advertising money, over 50 percent. And of the seven Clear Channel stations, only one, urban "Kiss 94.9," improved in the summer ratings. Three Clear Channel stations went down in the Arbitron (K-101, KMEI-FM, "Kiss 94.9"); two (smooth-jazz KKSJ and oldies station KABL) stayed the same, and fledgling rock station CNET (910 AM) was again a ratings no-show.

But falling ratings don't seem to concern some stations in the current hot economic climate. Despite the ratings hit, KNBR's billings are up 10 percent, according to a source. See MANN, Page C5



DONOVAN, left, and Leerhsen play a released mental patient who gives tours and a Wiccan, respectively.

'Book of Shadows' tries to make up in gore what it lacks in originality and interest

By Mary F. Pols
STAFF WRITER

IF LESS IS MORE, "Book of Shadows: Blair Witch 2" illustrates that more is definitely oh-so-much less.

Its only purpose, beyond the all-important commercial cash-in, seems to be to make the over-rated original seem like a masterpiece of simplicity and subtlety.

For every step that "Blair Witch

Project" took to break new ground, "Book of Shadows" takes a giant step back, relying instead on the terra firma of horror movies: loud, scary music; abundant corpses; mysterious visions; knives plunging into bodies; even an owl giving the camera the hairy eyeball.

Sequels aren't something we generally expect much from, but in this case, "Book of Shadows" did appear to have a leg up in that its writer/director, Joe Berlinger, has a reputation for producing excellent work. His previous films were two critically acclaimed and award-winning documentaries, "Brother's Keeper" and "Paradise Lost: The Child Murders at Robin Hood Hills."

Berlinger opted not to imitate the jerky, low-budget visual style of the original, which was probably a smart choice. The movie is set, once again, in Burkittsville, Md. It's November

1999 and the nation is still obsessed with the "Blair Witch Project." As they were in real life, the locations where the movie was filmed are overrun with dorks who never quite got it that Heather, Mike and Joshua weren't real after all. The sheriff, a mustached buffoon straight out of made-for-TV-movie land, is forced to stand in the woods with a bullhorn, yelling "There is no

See WITCH, Page C5

'The Nightmare Before Christmas' re-issued in time for Halloween

■ **WHAT:** "Book of Shadows: Blair Witch 2"

■ **STARRING:** Jeffrey Donovan, Erica Leerhsen, Stephen Barker Turner, Tristen Skyler

■ **RATING:** R (graphic violence, nudity, some sexuality)

■ **RUNNING TIME:** 1 hour, 30 minutes

■ **WHERE:** Opens today at area theaters

■ **GRADE:** D

■ **WHAT:** "The Nightmare Before Christmas" opens today for an exclusive East Bay engagement at Landmark's UC Theatre in Berkeley, which will also hold special activities.

The UC Theatre will conduct contests and giveaways on its weekend midnight shows on Friday, Oct. 27 and Saturday, Oct. 28, and on Halloween: Tuesday, Oct. 31.

At the midnight shows, a fashion contest for the best "goth" or all-

black outfits will be held, awarding Nightmare Before Christmas T-shirts and memorabilia from the film, provided by Dark Carnival.

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The 1993 film was the creation of the fertile minds of writer/producer Tim Burton and director Henry Selick.

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diences the ultimate experience in following Jack Skellington, Halloween town's beloved Pumpkin King, as he reigns over his own world, and eventually stumbles upon the entryway to Christmastown.

Music is by Danny Elfman, who also provides the singing voice for Jack.

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Scary stories for the Halloween season

By Paul Rockwell
SPECIAL TO HILLS NEWSPAPERS

The time for jack-o'-lanterns, trick or treats and apple dunking is here. Halloween is the best time for ghosts, ghouls and grisly fun.

And it is also a great time for storytelling. Children like to get together, eat popcorn, and scare each other half to death with stories.

Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark, a book of American folklore by Alvin Schwartz, has a wide range of school-age material: jump stories, build-up stories with nonsense, surprise endings, bizarre poems and modern day thrillers.

This folklore book includes a scary story game, "The Dead Man's

Brains," in which the audience touches parts of a "corpse" such as a dried fig for an ear.

The stories are short, simply written and offer kids opportunities to read and deliver tales themselves. I also have a special fondness for Paul Galdone's four-color scary folktale, King of the Cats, an old English tale about a grave-digger, his wife, and a big Tom Cat.

When the gravedigger tells about a funeral procession of cats, the old Tom Cat goes berserk and surprises everyone.

Galdone's Tailypo is no less captivating and fantastic. It is a story of a strange creature that takes revenge on a woodsman who cut off his tail.

The varmint haunts the woodsman, who is followed by a voice, saying: "Tailypo, Tailypo, I'm coming to get my tailypo."

Both stories are dramatic, slightly scary but not deeply frightening. The atmosphere is eerie, but Galdone's humor manifests itself in the big-eyed, believable country folk-stories.

Children love jump stories. They love to hear them, and they love to read and tell them.

Like the shaggy dog tale, the jump story is repetitive, builds suspense, then makes the audience jump in fright.

The book In a Dark, Dark Room, by Alvin Schwartz, has lots of jump stories for first and second graders,

including the "Green Ribbon," in which an old lady's head falls off at the last moment.

Parents and teachers should use discretion when it comes to scary stories. There is a prevailing misconception that you can't scare kids anymore, that they have seen it all on TV. In reality, I think excessive violence and horror on TV has increased children's insecurity. In any case, storytelling is often more dramatic, and the child's imagination is often more vivid and real than the TV screen. So pick your story material with discretion.

Paul Rockwell is the children's librarian at the Albany Library.

'Lucky' is a fairly decent draw

OK, so it's not exactly hilarious, but this Travolta-Kudrow comedy does have its share of chuckles

By Mary F. Pols
STAFF WRITER

It's been four years since we were forced to watch John Travolta flapping angel wings in "Michael," but the memory of his hamminess-maximus performance in that Nora

Ephron movie still lingers like the smell of bacon in a studio apartment.

He was a smug, pompous angel, far more intent on playing Travolta Reborn than any fictional character, and the role marked the beginning of the end of Travolta's second coming.

So reuniting him with Ephron in the new comedy "Lucky Numbers" hardly seems like a good idea. Seeing the trailers, with Travolta dancing across the screen and yacking about doing the cha-cha-cha only en-

hanced this viewer's sense of dread. Surely this would be a stinker, a crowd-pleasing movie oozing Travolta smarminess and gushing Ephron's particular brand of "You've Got Mail" sentimentality.

Surprisingly enough, this is not an odious movie. Instead, it's a rather snappy comedy, benefiting from the fact that Travolta plays a likable old and that he's teamed with Lisa Kudrow (at her most biting) and Tim Roth (at his most laid-back). It's got enough laughs to make it a perfectly

pleasant, albeit meaningless, way to spend an hour and three-quarters.

Travolta plays Russ Richards, a weatherman in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, home of Three Mile Island. He's got his own parking spot and table at Denny's — which he refers to as the trendiest bistro in town — a big tasteless house on a hill, and everywhere he goes, he sees admiring fans. But there's a problem; the winter of 1988 is turning out to be a

EVENTS

Cody's Books — American Folk Songs For Young People, Oct. 28, 11 a.m. A performance of folk music. Robert San Souci, Oct. 29, 2:30 p.m. The author discusses his book "Cinderella Skeleton." At 1730 Fourth St. Martin Davis, Oct. 30. The author discusses his book "The Universal Computer: the Road from Leibniz to Turing." Events are free and start at 7:30 p.m. unless listed otherwise. 2454 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. (510) 845-7852

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"Exploring Ecuador's Galapagos Islands," Nov. 2, 7 p.m. Photographer John Kokoska gives a slide presentation introducing the unique wildlife, vegetation and geology of the volcanic landscape.

"Travel Photography: An Evening with Richard I'Anson," Nov. 9, 7 p.m. A slide presentation of the author's book "Travel Photography: A Guide to Taking Better Pictures." "Sea Kayaking in the Bay Area and Baja," Nov. 16, 7 p.m. Mitch Powers of Sea Trek Ocean Kayaking Center gives a slide presentation of some of his favorite paddling destinations.

"Snowshoeing Basics," Nov. 30, 7 p.m. A slide presentation by snowshoe guide Cathy Anderson-Meyers on how easy it is to get out and experience Tahoe's winter wonderland on "shoes."

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West Coast Live — Join the studio audience as Sedge Thomson hosts musical guests, authors and others for his live radio broadcast. Oct. 28, 10 a.m.: The Austin Lounge Lizards, Christopher Shaw, Lucy Kaplansky, Brad Newsham, Tango Quartet. \$12. Freight and Salvage, 1111 Addison St., Berkeley. (415) 664-9500

California Shakespeare Festival's Annual Costume And Garage Sale — Oct. 28, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Featuring one-of-a-kind costumes, props, and set pieces from previous productions. Free. 701 Heinz Ave., Berkeley. (510) 548-3422 ext. 120

UC Berkeley's Lunch Poems Reading Series — Goh Poh Seng, Nov. 2, 12:10 p.m. A reading by the poet from Singapore currently living in political exile in Canada. Free. Morrison Room, Doe Library, University of California, Berkeley. (510) 642-0137

Alameda Point Antiques And Collectibles Faire — Nov. 5, 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. Featuring 600 booths of items 20 years or older with no reproductions. \$3 general. Former Alameda Naval Air Station, Main Street and Atlantic Avenue, Alameda. (510) 869-5428

Ashkenaz — Sam Mangwana, Oct. 27, 9 p.m.

Lavay Smith and Her Red Hot Skillet Lickers, Oct. 28, 9:30 p.m. \$11. Meg McElroy and Friends, Oct. 29, 8 p.m. \$10.

A Reggae Halloween Party with Ras Kidus and Guests, Oct. 31, 9:30 p.m. An evening of soca, calypso and reggae music featuring Hal Breed, Jah Fly, Ponce Vill Crew and DJ Jah Bode. \$9.

For all ages. 1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. (510) 525-5099 or www.ashkenaz.com

Berkeley Community Theatre — Bruce Hornsby, Nov. 4, 8 p.m. \$29.50. 1900 Allston Way, Berkeley. (510) 444-TIXS.

Blakes — Songo, Oct. 27, \$5. Shelley Doty X-tet, Ralph Woodson Trio, Oct. 28, \$5.

Paula Murray Trio, Oct. 29, \$3. The Steve Gannon Band, Oct. 30, \$3. Tilden Recreation, Oct. 31.

For age 18 and older. Music at 9:30 p.m. 2367 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. (510) 848-0886.

Cato's Ale House — Hot Buttered Rum, Oct. 28. The Lost Trio, Oct. 29. Shows start at 6 p.m. 3891 Piedmont

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Showtimes for Friday, October 27

Alameda County

Ac! I & II
Carter St. Off Shattuck, Berkeley 843-FILM
● **Best in Show** (PG-13) 5:00, 7:30, 9:40
● **Dancer in the Dark** (R) 5:20, 8:20

Albany Twin
Solano at San Pablo Ave., Albany 843-FILM
● **Billy Elliot** (R) 1:45, 4:15, 6:45, 9:00
● **Two Family House** (R) 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 8:45

California Theatres
On Kitebridge at Shattuck, Berkeley 843-FILM
● **Bamboozled** (R) 2:30, 5:30, 8:30
● **Meet the Parents** (PG-13) 2:00, 4:30, 7:15, 9:35
● **Nurse Betty** (R) 2:20, 4:40, 7:00, 9:20

Century 25 Union City Union Landing*
32100 Union Landing Road, Union City 487-9593
● **Bamboozled** (R) 11:15 a.m., 2:00, 4:55, 7:50
● **Bedazzled** (PG-13) 1:00, 1:20, 2:20, 4:45, 4:35, 6:15, 7:00, 9:35, 10:45, 11:40, 12:10 a.m.
● **Best in Show** (PG-13) 11:35 a.m., 12:20, 1:45, 4:15, 4:45, 6:45, 7:55, 9:20, 11:35
● **Book of Shadows: Blair Witch 2** (R) 11:15 a.m., 12:15, 1:30, 2:35, 3:15, 9:50, 4:55, 5:30, 6:00, 7:15, 7:50, 8:25, 9:25, 10:00, 10:45, 11:40, 12:10 a.m.
● **The Contender** (R) 1:35, 4:30, 7:20, 10:15
● **Digimon: The Movie** (PG) 11:50 a.m.
● **Dr. T and the Women** (R) 8:45
● **The Exorcist - The Version You've Never Seen** (R) 12:30, 3:30

● **Get Carter** (2000) (R) 10:45
● **The Ladies Man** (R) 11:15 a.m., 1:20, 3:30, 5:50, 7:55, 10:00
● **The Legend of Drunken Master** (R) 12:45, 3:10, 5:35, 8:20, 10:20
● **The Little Vampire** (PG) 12:10, 2:30, 4:50, 7:05, 9:30
● **Lost Souls** (R) 12:35, 2:55, 5:25, 8:10, 10:30
● **Loving Jezebel** (R) 11:15 a.m., 1:25, 3:35, 5:45, 8:00, 10:35
● **Lucky Numbers** (R) 11:25 a.m., 12:25, 2:00, 3:05, 4:40, 5:40, 7:10, 8:15, 9:45, 10:45, 12:15 a.m.
● **Meet the Parents** (PG-13) 11:25 a.m., 11:55 a.m., 12:40, 1:50, 2:35, 4:40, 4:20, 5:05, 6:20, 7:05, 7:35, 8:40, 10:10, 11:25, 12:05 a.m.
● **Pay It Forward** (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:15, 3:30, 3:25, 5:00, 7:45, 9:30, 10:05, 10:40, 12:15 a.m.
● **Playing Mona Lisa** (R) 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50
● **Remember the Titans** (PG) 11:20 a.m., 1:45, 2:45, 4:25, 5:20, 7:00, 9:05, 9:35, 10:40, 12:10 a.m.
● **The Yards** (R) 11:20 a.m., 1:55, 4:45, 7:25, 10:05

Chabot Cinema
2863 Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley 582-2555
● **Bedazzled** (PG-13) 1:00, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45

Elmwood
2896 Colgate Avenue, Berkeley 649-0530
● **Chicken Rice** (C) 5:00
● **Gladiator** (R) 8:45
● **Gladiator** (R) 8:45
● **High Fidelity** (R) 4:15, 9:00
● **Saving Grace** (R) 7:00
● **Space Cowboys** (PG-13) 7:05
● **Woman on Top** (R) 5:10, 9:35

Fine Arts Cinema - Berkeley*
2451 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley 848-1143
● **Ghost and Mr. Chicken** (NR) 7:30
● **Night of the Living Dead** (R) 9:15

Grand Lake Theater
3200 Grand Avenue, Oakland 452-3556
● **Book of Shadows: Blair Witch 2** (R) 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:15, 10:15
● **Meet the Parents** (PG-13) noon, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
● **Pay It Forward** (PG-13) 12:45, 3:45, 7:00, 9:45
● **Remember the Titans** (PG) 12:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:30

Jack London Cinema*
100 Washington St., Oakland 433-1320
● **Bamboozled** (R) 12:55, 4:15, 7:30, 10:40
● **Bedazzled** (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 1:45, 4:10, 7:05, 9:40
● **Best in Show** (PG-13) 11:45 a.m., 2:15, 4:45, 7:20, 9:45
● **The Ladies Man** (R) 11:50 a.m., 2:30, 5:00, 7:45, 10:15
● **Lucky Numbers** (R) 11:20 a.m., 1:50, 4:30, 7:15, 9:50
● **Meet the Parents** (PG-13) 11:10 a.m., 2:00, 4:40, 7:25, 10:05
● **Pay It Forward** (PG-13) 11:05 a.m., 1:55, 4:50, 7:40, 10:30
● **Playing Mona Lisa** (R) 11:30 a.m., 2:10, 4:55, 7:30, 10:10
● **Remember the Titans** (PG) 11:00 a.m., 1:40, 4:25, 7:10, 9:55

Festival 9 Cinemas Hayward*
19901 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward 785-8000
● **Bring It On** (PG-13) 2:10, 4:20, 7:20, 9:40
● **The Contender** (R) 4:00, 7:00, 9:50
● **Digimon: The Movie** (PG) 3:00, 5:15, 8:15
● **Dr. T and the Women** (R) 2:00, 4:30, 7:30, 10:10
● **The Ladies Man** (R) 2:45, 5:15, 8:00, 10:30
● **The Little Vampire** (PG) 1:45, 4:10, 7:10, 9:30
● **Meet the Parents** (PG-13) 2:20, 4:50, 7:40, 10:00
● **Playing Mona Lisa** (R) 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:20
● **Remember the Titans** (PG) 2:00, 4:40, 7:30, 10:00

NAZ 8
39400 Argonaut Way, Fremont 797-2000
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Oaks Theater*
1875 Solano Avenue, Berkeley 526-1836
● **The Contender** (R) 7:00, 9:40
● **Dr. T and the Women** (R) 7:15, 9:45

Piedmont Theatre
Piedmont at 41st, Oakland 843-FILM
● **The Contender** (R) 4:00, 6:45, 9:20
● **Dr. T and the Women** (R) 4:15, 7:00, 9:35
● **The Yards** (R) 4:30, 7:15, 9:45

Shattuck Cinemas*
On Shattuck at Kitebridge, Berkeley 843-FILM
● **Almost Famous** (R) 1:20, 4:10, 6:50, 9:40
● **The Broken Hearts Club** (R) 1:55, 4:25, 7:20, 9:30
● **Cliffhanger** (R) 1:15, 4:05, 6:45, 9:35
● **The Ladies Man** (R) 1:30, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 9:50
● **The Little Vampire** (PG) 12:45, 2:50, 5:00, 7:10, 9:20
● **Loving Jezebel** (R) 12:50, 3:00, 5:10, 7:45, 10:00
● **Pay It Forward** (PG-13) 1:25, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45
● **Place Vendôme** (NR) 1:35, 4:20, 7:15, 9:55
● **Remember the Titans** (PG) 1:10, 3:50, 6:30, 9:00
● **The Yards** (R) 1:30, 4:00, 7:35, 9:25

UA Berkeley 7*
2274 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 843-1487
● **Bedazzled** (PG-13) noon, 12:45, 2:40, 4:25, 5:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:25, 10:25
● **Book of Shadows: Blair Witch 2** (R) 12:15, 2:30, 4:55, 7:15, 9:45
● **The Exorcist - The Version You've Never Seen** (R) 3:30, 10:05
● **The Legend of Drunken Master** (R) noon, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50
● **Lost Souls** (R) 12:30, 7:30
● **Lucky Numbers** (R) 12:05, 2:35, 5:10, 7:45, 10:25
● **Playing Mona Lisa** (R) 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:05, 10:20

UA Emeryway 10*
6330 Christie Ave., Emeryville 428-0107
● **Bedazzled** (PG-13) 12:15, 2:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:10, 12:30 a.m.
● **Book of Shadows: Blair Witch 2** (R) 11:15 a.m., 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:00, 12:30 a.m.
● **The Contender** (R) 10:50 a.m., 1:40, 4:30, 7:20, 10:20
● **The Ladies Man** (R) 11:00 a.m., 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:15
● **The Legend of Drunken Master** (R) 11:00 a.m., 1:30, 4:10, 7:15, 10:00
● **Lucky Numbers** (R) 11:30 a.m., 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30
● **Meet the Parents** (PG-13) 10:55 a.m., 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45, 12:15 a.m.
● **Pay It Forward** (PG-13) 10:55 a.m., 1:45, 4:40, 7:40, 10:40
● **Playing Mona Lisa** (R) 10:50 a.m., 1:20, 4:00, 7:10, 9:50
● **Remember the Titans** (PG) 11:40 a.m., 2:20, 5:10, 8:10, 10:45

UA Hayward 6*
24800 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward 786-3000
● **Bedazzled** (PG-13) 12:30, 3:15, 5:50, 7:45, 10:15
● **Book of Shadows: Blair Witch 2** (R) 12:50, 3:00, 5:20, 7:30, 10:00
● **The Legend of Drunken Master** (R) noon, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 10:20
● **Lost Souls** (R) 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:40, 10:10

● **Lucky Numbers** (R) 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30
● **Pay It Forward** (PG-13) 11:50 a.m., 2:30, 5:10, 7:50, 10:30

UC Theatre*
University Avenue between Mima Street and Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley 843-FILM
● **The Nightmare Before Christmas** (PG) 4:00, 5:45, 7:30, 9:15, midnight

Central Contra Costa
Century 5 Pleasant Hill*
Fwy 680 Monument Blvd., Pleasant Hill 687-1100
● **Book of Shadows: Blair Witch 2** (R) 11:30 a.m., 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
● **The Contender** (R) 12:20, 3:10, 7:40, 10:20
● **Lucky Numbers** (R) noon, 2:40, 5:15, 7:50, 10:30
● **Meet the Parents** (PG-13) 11:50 a.m., 12:30, 2:30, 3:00, 5:00, 5:30, 7:30, 8:10, 10:00, 10:40

Contra Costa 5*
555 Center Ave. (Off Hwy 4), Martinez 228-9980
● **Book of Shadows: Blair Witch 2** (R) 2:30, 4:55, 7:15, 9:45
● **Lucky Numbers** (R) 2:35, 5:15, 7:30, 10:00
● **Meet the Parents** (PG-13) 2:40, 5:00, 7:25, 9:55
● **Pay It Forward** (PG-13) 2:25, 5:05, 7:40, 10:15
● **Playing Mona Lisa** (R) 2:40, 5:00, 7:20, 9:30

Crow Canyon 6*
2525 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon 620-4831
● **Bedazzled** (PG-13) 12:30, 2:35, 4:45, 7:05, 9:30
● **Best in Show** (PG-13) 12:15, 2:20, 4:40, 7:10, 9:35
● **The Contender** (R) 11:30 a.m., 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10
● **The Legend of Drunken Master** (R) noon, 2:15, 4:35, 7:00, 9:40
● **Lucky Numbers** (R) 11:40 a.m., 2:30, 5:00, 7:35, 10:00
● **Pay It Forward** (PG-13) 11:45 a.m., 2:25, 5:05, 7:40, 10:15

Festival Walnut Creek*
1550 California Blvd., Walnut Creek 934-8649
● **Bedazzled** (PG-13) 2:15, 4:45, 7:20, 9:40
● **The Little Vampire** (PG) 2:25, 4:40, 7:00, 9:30
● **Pay It Forward** (PG-13) 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00
● **Playing Mona Lisa** (R) 2:20, 4:50, 7:05, 9:50
● **Remember the Titans** (PG) 2:00, 4:35, 7:10, 9:45

Orinda Theater*
4 Orinda Theater Square, Orinda 254-9060
● **Best in Show** (PG-13) 6:00, 8:00, 10:00
● **Dr. T and the Women** (R) 6:45, 9:30
● **Pay It Forward** (PG-13) 7:00, 9:45

Park Theater
3519 Golden Gate Way, Lafayette 283-7997
● **Two Family House** (R) 11:20 a.m.

Rheem All-Stadium 4*
350 Park Street, Menlo Park 958-3411
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San Francisco

AMC 1000 Van Ness*
1000 Van Ness, San Francisco (415)922-4444
● **Almost Famous** (R) 1:45, 4:50, 7:20, 9:35
● **Book of Shadows: Blair Witch 2** (R) 2:05, 4:40, 7:20, 9:45, 12:10 a.m.
● **The Contender** (R) 1:15, 4:25, 7:30, 10:40
● **Dr. T and the Women** (R) 1:25, 4:10, 7:15, 10:05
● **Further** (NR) 10:00
● **The Legend of Drunken Master** (R) 1:20, 4:15, 7:05, 9:35

● **The Little Vampire** (PG) 1:30, 4:20, 7:25, 9:50
● **Lost Souls** (R) 2:15, 5:10, 8:05, 11:50
● **Loving Jezebel** (R) 2:00, 5:00, 7:50, 10:10
● **Lucky Numbers** (R) 1:40, 4:45, 7:40, 10:25
● **Meet the Parents** (PG-13) 1:10, 12:10, 4:05, 5:05, 7:10, 8:00, 10:10, 10:50, 12:15 a.m.
● **Pay It Forward** (PG-13) 1:00, 1:50, 4:00, 4:55, 7:00, 7:55, 9:55, 10:55
● **Remember the Titans** (PG) 1:35, 4:30, 7:35, 10:20

AMC Kabuki 8*
1881 Post St., San Francisco (415)922-4444
● **Bamboozled** (R) 1:30, 4:25, 7:40, 10:40
● **Book of Shadows: Blair Witch 2** (R) 2:05, 4:45, 7:20, 9:50, 12:10 a.m.
● **The Contender** (R) 1:35, 4:30, 7:25, 10:20
● **The Legend of Drunken Master** (R) 1:55, 4:55, 7:35, 10:00
● **The Little Vampire** (PG) 2:00, 4:50, 7:15, 9:45
● **Meet the Parents** (PG-13) 1:45, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30
● **Playing Mona Lisa** (R) 1:50, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40, 12:05 a.m.
● **Spike & Mike's Sick and Twisted Animation** (NR) 12:15 a.m.
● **The Yards** (R) 1:40, 4:35, 7:30, 10:10

Bridge*
3010 Geary Blvd., San Francisco (415)352-0810
● **Dancer in the Dark** (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00

Castro Theater*
Castro and Market Streets, San Francisco (415)621-6120
● **The House of Wax** (1953) (PG) 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

Clay
2261 Fillmore St., San Francisco (415)352-0810
● **Two Family House** (R) 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

Embarcadero*
1 Embarcadero Center, San Francisco (415)352-0810
● **Best in Show** (PG-13) noon, 12:30, 2:15, 2:45, 4:30, 5:00, 7:00, 7:30, 9:20, 9:50
● **Billy Elliot** (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:20, 10:00
● **The Broken Hearts Club** (R) 1:10, 12:10, 2:40, 3:30, 4:40, 5:10, 7:10, 7:40, 9:30, 10:10

Lumiere
1572 California St., San Francisco (415)352-0810
● **The Nightmare Before Christmas** (PG) 12:45, 2:50, 5:20, 7:15, 9:15
● **Sasayaki** (a.k.a. *Moonlight Whispers*) (NR) 12:15, 2:35, 5:00, 7:20, 9:45
● **Urbania** (R) 12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50

Opera Plaza Cinemas*
601 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco (415)352-0810
● **An Affair of Love** (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 9:50
● **Place Vendôme** (NR) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30
● **The Tao of Steve** (R) 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 9:40
● **The Wolves of Krumer** (NR) 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:00

Red Vic
1727 Haight St., San Francisco (415)668-3994
● **The Hunger** (R) 7:15, 9:25

Roxie*
3117 16th St., San Francisco (415)863-1067
● **Sound and Fury** (NR) 6:00, 8:30, 10:30

Sony Metreon*
101 4th Street, San Francisco (415)369-6200
● **Bedazzled** (PG-13) 11:40 a.m., 1:10, 2:20, 3:40, 5:00, 6:30, 7:40, 8:10, 10:30, 11:40
● **Book of Shadows: Blair Witch 2** (R) 12:40, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30, 11:00
● **The Contender** (R) 12:30, 4:20, 7:30, 10:40
● **The Exorcist - The Version You've Never Seen** (R) 2:00, 10:20
● **The Ladies Man** (R) 11:45 a.m., 2:30, 5:00, 7:35, 10:10
● **The Legend of Drunken Master** (R) 12:40, 3:50, 6:50, 9:25, midnight
● **The Little Vampire** (PG) 11:20 a.m., 1:50, 4:30, 7:05, 9:30
● **Lost Souls** (R) 11:10 a.m., 1:40, 4:40, 7:50
● **Lucky Numbers** (R) 11:50 a.m., 2:40, 5:30, 8:10, 10:50
● **Meet the Parents** (PG-13) noon, 1:00, 2:50, 4:00, 5:50, 7:00, 8:50, 10:00, 11:50
● **Pay It Forward** (PG-13) 12:50, 4:10, 5:20, 7:20, 8:20, 10:40, 11:20
● **Playing Mona Lisa** (R) 11:30 a.m., 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:50
● **Remember the Titans** (PG) 12:10, 3:10, 6:10, 9:20, midnight

Sony Metreon IMAX
101 4th Street, San Francisco (415)369-6200
● **Cyberworld** (R) 12:20, 3:50, 9:40
● **The Matrix** (R) 11:30
● **Playing Mona Lisa** (R) 11:30 a.m., 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:50
● **Wild Card** (NR) 11:00 a.m., 2:30, 6:40

UA Galaxy*
1285 Sutter St., San Francisco (415)474-8700
● **Bedazzled** (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 12:45, 1:45, 7:00, 8:00, 9:15, 10:15
● **Playing Mona Lisa** (R) 11:00 a.m., 1:30, 7:15, 9:45
● **A Time for Drunken Heroes** (NR) 11:15 a.m., 1:45, 7:00, 9:15

Below are capsule reviews of movies playing at area theaters. The reviewers are Chuck Barney, Vera H-C Chan, Karen Harshanson and Mary Pols. Times: Ted Anthony, Robert W. Butler, Phoebe Flowers, Chris Hewitt, J. Monaghan, Robert Philpot, Steven Rea and Renee Rodriguez, Knight Ridder Newspapers; Chris Grygiel, Hillel Itale, Michael Kuchwara, Christy Lemire, Sheila Norman-Culp, Malcolm Ritter and Bob Thomas, Associated Press; Michael Saunders, Boston Globe; John Anderson, Bob Heisler and Gene Seymour, Newsday; Anita Gates, Lawrence Van Gelder, Stephen Holden, Dave Kehr, Janet Maslin, Elvis Mitchell and A.O. Scott, New York Times; Bob Strauss and Glenn Whipp, Los Angeles Daily News; Kenneth Turan, Kevin Thomas and Charles Solomon, Los Angeles Times; Henry Sheehan, Orange County Register; Glenn Lovell, San Jose Mercury News; John Hartl, Seattle Times; Roger Ebert, Universal Press Syndicate; Tom Sims, Dallas Morning News; and Desson Howe, Washington Post.

"AN AFFAIR OF LOVE": An assured French film that's actually a meditation on what fear can do to love, and how easily a misunderstanding glance or a few words can change things forever. The characters have no names and meet online so they can act out one of their sexual fantasies. From a he said/she said point of view, the audience learns how each person perceives events that followed. To give away any more would spoil this thoughtful and pensive film. — M. Pols. (R: sexual themes and brief nudity.) 1 hour, 20 minutes. A-

"ALMOST FAMOUS": Director Cameron Crowe's semi-autobiographical "Almost Famous" is a tender, rambling movie, so soaked in 1970s nostalgia that those who grew up in that era will most likely fall hard for it. Whether its considerable charms will sway other generations is less certain. It's Crowe's most personal movie to date, looking back on his days as a ludicrously young writer for Rolling Stone. Patrick Fugit plays the 15-year-old Crowe character, hitting the road with fictional band Stillwater. The movie lacks focus, maybe because Crowe resists handing viewers a full-blown ego trip by making the movie about the boy genius reporter. That main flaw keeps "Almost Famous" from being a great movie, but it doesn't stop it from being a very good movie, filled with splendid performances, many funny moments and strong writing. — M. Pols. (R: sexuality and language.) 2 hours. B+

"BAMBOOZLED": A stiff, Harvard-educated black writer (Damon Wayans) creates a television minstrel show to defy his racist boss, and to his horror and pleasure, the show becomes a hit. While Wayans sticks to caricature, he is flanked by an excellent cast, including Jada Pinkett-Smith and Savion Goff. The film starts off as hysterically satirical, then the satire becomes a little more ham-fisted, but it's worth the effort (and director Spike Lee always leaves one thinking). — V. Chan. (R: language and violence.) 2 hours, 16 minutes. B

"BEDAZZLED": A remake of the 1967 Dudley Moore classic. In an inspired bit of casting, the devil is a woman (Elizabeth Hurley), dressed to the nines in vivid reds and ready to have some naughty fun. There's great relish in the way Hurley takes on her latest victim, Elliot Richards (Brendan Fraser), a software geek from San Francisco who is willing to sell his soul to win the love of an attractive coworker (Frances O'Connor). "Bedazzled" is lightweight fare, really just a series of linked but very funny skits. It's the kind of movie you'd be delighted to see on a long airplane ride. — M. Pols. (PG-13: sex-related humor, language and some drug content.) 1 hour, 33 minutes. B-

"BEST IN SHOW": Creativity runs wild in this documentary from Christopher Guest, who also brought us the hilarious "Waiting for Guffman." The formula may be a little less fresh this time out, but Guest's wit is just as sharp. This time he explores the world of competitive dog shows. Guest simultaneously mocks human behavior while offering us insights into ourselves, no mean feat. Virtually the entire cast from "Guffman" is back, improvising like crazy, not to mention doing some fine comic acting. With Eugene Levy, Parker Posey and Catherine O'Hara. — M. Pols. (PG-13: language and sexual material.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. A-

"BILLY ELLIOT": An inspirational chamber about a poor boy who prefers ballet to boxing. The incredibly talented newcomer Jamie Bell plays Billy, the son of a coal miner in northeast England. Set during an actual miners strike that took place in 1984, the movie follows Billy in his quest to be a dancer, as well as the trials and tribulations of his father (the excellent Gary Lewis) and brother as they weather the strike. If you think you've seen this movie before in some other form ("Flashdance" comes to mind), don't let it stop you from going. There's a richness to his portrayal of masculinity and relationships that's rare in movies, and well worth treasuring. — M. Pols. (R: language.) 1 hour, 50 minutes. A-

"BRING IT ON":

Calendar

Submissions to the Community Calendar must be received Thursdays one week prior to publication. Listings are on a space-available basis.

Children

The Lead Poisoning Prevention Project (LPPP) offers free Blood Lead Tests for children 1-5 years old on Saturday, Oct. 28, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m., at Nevim Community Center, 598 Nevim Ave., Richmond. Most lead-poisoned children do not look or act sick. The only way to know if children have elevated levels is through a blood test. Children can develop learning, growth and behavior problems. Free T-shirts for participants, Halloween treats and prizes, face painting, raffles. Call 925-313-6808.

The City of El Cerrito, located at 7007 Mooser Lane, El Cerrito offers special programs for children from 22 months to five years of age. These programs are designed to offer parents an opportunity to leave their pre-school children in a safe atmosphere under qualified supervision. The program for ages 22 months to 3-1/2 years meets Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration is continuous as long as space is available. For more information, call Jude, 215-4371.

The City of El Cerrito Community Services offers a Kids' Ceramic Workshop on Saturday, Nov. 18, 10:11-11:30 a.m., at Tassajara Pottery Center, 2575 Tassajara Blvd. Children are instructed and guided through basic hand-building techniques, including slab work, coil-and-pinch pot, and various glazing techniques. Fee: \$20 residents and \$25 non residents. Call 215-4371 for more information.

A monthly film club specifically for middle school age children at the Albany YMCA, 1216 Solano Ave., takes place on Saturday, Oct. 28, 7 p.m.-10 p.m. The children will watch a movie together and afterwards discuss the film from different points of view. Anita Monga, Director of programming at the Castro Theatre in San Francisco will facilitate the program. Snacks provided. \$5 child. For more information, call 525-1130.

Luna Kids Dance (LKD) offers dance and acting classes for children and teens ages 3-17 in a fun and supportive environment. Locations: Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave.; El Cerrito, Contra Costa Civic Theater, 951 Pomona Ave.; Oakland, Glenview Performing Arts Center, 1318 Glenfield Ave. and Montclair Women's Cultural Arts Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd. For more information, call the LKD central office at 530-4113.

LGBTQ Parent and Prospective Parent Groups meet the first Saturday of the month 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. with concurrent childcare. All groups meet at the Pacific Center at 2712 Telegraph Ave. in Berkeley. Donations are requested, but not required. For information or to RSVP, contact Anna at fami-lyprogram@yahoo.com or 415-789-8950 classes.

The Ann Martin Children's Center offers eight "Support Groups For Mothers," sessions for first time mothers and babies their babies under 5 months. Experienced facilitator. For information: 524-0821.

Lawrence Hall of Science, UC Berkeley's public science museum and center for K-12 science and math education offers three residential summer science camps, including two camps held at actual University of California field research stations; and three Sierra backpacking summer science camps. Each camp emphasizes fun outdoor science explorations through hands-on, inquiry-based activities, as well as lots of traditional camp fun. Each camp has a unique theme, and is designed for a specific age group. Call 642-2275 or e-mail to: linfo@uic.berkeley.edu. To register, call 642-5134.

"Theater Rats," Julia Morgan's kid's theatrical camp program, offers swimming, singing, dancing, acting, and field games as some of its exciting activities. The camp is a two-week session for kids 6-14. Call 883-7023 for additional information.

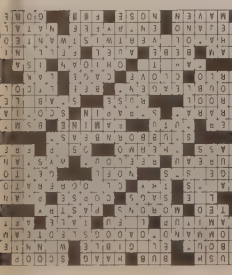
Health

Charcot Marie Tooth (CMT) support group meets Saturdays bimonthly at West Berkeley Library, 1125 University Ave. from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. CMT is a neuropathic disorder. Call 524-3506 for additional information.

YWCA Health and Community Education: drop in classes in dance, fitness, yoga, martial arts and more; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way; 848-6370; \$8 - \$10.

Community

The New School of Berkeley holds its annual Halloween Bazaar on Saturday, Oct. 28, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. rain or shine, at 1606 Bonita St. The Bazaar features face painting, mask-making, children's games, apple bobbing, pumpkins, a giant rummage sale, a book sale, a wonderful lunch, a delectable bake sale, and live entertainment, including the Tatumaki Taiko drum group. Proceeds from the Bazaar support the school's scholarship fund and playground project. Admission is free. For more information, call 548-9165.



A Haunted House, 1818 5th St., takes place on Friday, Saturday, and Tuesday, Oct. 27, 28, 31, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The event is free. Donations benefiting youth activities in Berkeley are appreciated. For more information, call 644-3305.

Berkeley Farmers Markets begins its Winter hours Tuesday, Oct. 31, 1 p.m. to dusk. The Tuesday Market has different Winter and Summer hours. During Western Standard Time, the hours are 1 p.m. to dusk. During daylight savings time the hours are 2-7 p.m. The Saturday Berkeley Market is always 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Tuesday Berkeley Farmers' Market offers free treats for those in costume on Halloween Oct. 31. The Berkeley Farmers Markets are a program of the Ecology Center. Call 548-3333 or visit the Web site at www.ecologycenter.org for more information.

The Ecology Center, Center Street at Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, offers Pumpkin Carving and Costume making on Saturday, Oct. 28, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Injury proof carving implements are available for youngsters, but all ages are urged to join in the fun. The East Bay Depot for Creative Re-Use will co-ordinate costume and hat making for both adults and children. Call 548-2220 for more information.

The Recreational Equipment, Inc., 1338 San Pablo Ave. offers a free hands-on bicycle repair clinic on Sunday, Nov. 12 from 11 a.m.-noon. Learn how to fix your own bicycle. Technicians will teach a series of free one-hour clinics covering the following basic repairs. All you need to bring is your bike. Call 527-4140 for additional information.

Albany YMCA is hiring staff for After-school programs in Berkeley and Albany for Afterschool programs in Berkeley and Albany. Site coordinator, recreation coordinator. Complete an application or send fax resume to Albany YMCA 921 Kains Ave., Albany, CA 94706. Fax 525-1769.

The Women's Cancer Resource Center, 1581 University Ave., will provide information at Wild Oats Market as part of its Women's Health Day. Help support the center and also enjoy free chair massages, spinal screenings, nutritional consulting and product samples. The center provides information, support and direct services to women with cancer in the Bay Area and nationally. Call Tammy Dyson, volunteer coordinator at 548-9286 ext. 304 for additional information.

Berkeley Higashi Honzanji Church, 1524 Oregon St. (near Ashby Avenue), presents a Ohtani Bazaar. There will be games, prizes and activities for the children. Also Japanese food (Teriyaki chicken, sushi, udon noodles and more). Free admission. Bring the family. Call 843-6933 for additional information.

Turning Point at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, sponsors Resume Clinics on Tuesday afternoons, or by appointment. To sign up for an appointment, leave a message several days before you would like to meet. Anne Levine Ph.D. has a background in Design and Education. For the past 10 years, she has assisted in producing numerous resumes as part of her desktop publishing business. Call 848-6370 for additional information.

Marion Rosen, founder of Rosen Method bodywork and movement, presents the Method through lecture, demonstration, and experimental practice. Rosen is joined in the presentation by Sara Webb, Senior Teacher of Rosen Method bodywork. Location: Feldenkrais Resources, 830 Bancroft Way. Admission: \$10. Reservations are strongly recommended. For more information or to make a reservation, contact Abby Paige, at 845-6606.

Berkeley's Office of Emergency Services presents a new series of free Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) classes. The classes give basic, practical information, including hands-on training in fire suppression, light search and rescue, and disaster first aid. All classes are held at the fire department's Emergency Operations Center, 997 Cedar St. The classes are open to everyone, 18 or older, who lives or works in Berkeley. To register, or for more information, call the Office of Emergency Services, 844-8736.

Berkeley Art Museum, Pacific Film Archive offers a guided tour of Equal Partner: Men and Women Principals in Contemporary Architectural Practice presented by graduate students from the UC-Berkeley Department of Architecture. College of Environmental Design, on Alternating Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. and on Sundays at 2 p.m. For additional information call 642-0808.

Overeaters Anonymous meet Fridays at 1:30 PM at the Northbrae Community Church in Berkeley, 941 The Alameda between Solano and Marin avenues, in Room 2 — the childcare room — parents may bring their children. This organization is for individuals who eat compulsively? For further information, call Katherine at 525-5231.

Toastmasters, do it now. Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice Tuesday, Nov. 14, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Call 883-6708 for additional information.

Civil Rights activists needed. Write the ACLU chapter of Berkeley, Albany, Richmond, and Kensington. P.O. Box 11141, Berkeley, CA., 94701.

"Work Buddies," volunteers needed to perform volunteer work with people in early stage Alzheimer's Disease. Minimum six-month commitment, two to three hours per week. Training provided. Contact Nannette Lipton, 644-8292.

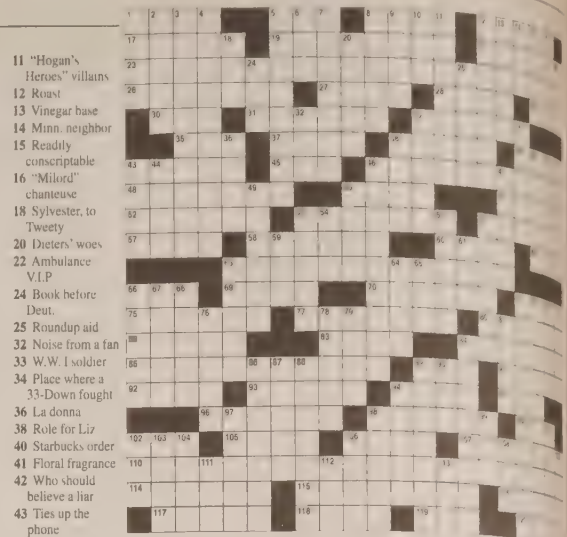
Psychic Healing clinic: 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays; free clinic at the Academy for Psychic Studies in Berkeley, aura cleansing, stress relief: 1-800-642-9355.

SMART project: The Alcohol Research Group in Berkeley is conducting a study to compare the cost and effectiveness of two kinds of substance abuse day treatment: medical model day treatment and social model day treatment. By calling 1-888-249-8802 and agreeing to do three interviews, individuals chosen for

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- 70 Extreme shortage
- 71 Cellar, in real estate ads
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- 82 It's out of the mouths of babes
- 83 Trojan Horse, e.g.
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- 93 Bulb
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- 95 "Mighty ____ a Rose"
- 96 Place where Gauguin painted
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- 100 "When ____ door"
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- 106 "Clan of the Cave Bear" author
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- 43 Ties up the phone
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- 49 "For shame!"
- 50 Nautilus captain
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- 54 Tazman creator's monogram
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- 61 Honshu honorific
- 63 Engine problem
- 64 Scruff
- 65 ASCAP counterpart
- 66 One-third of a phrase meaning "etc."
- 67 Clunker
- 68 Vicome in "The Phantom of the Opera"
- 71 Bay's competition, in song
- 72 Treats unfairly
- 73 Venus de ____
- 74 Old Chinese money
- 76 Iron man?
- 78 "Three Coins ..." fountain
- 79 Mysterious character
- 81 Lead a square dance
- 84 Take care of
- 86 Level of command
- 87 Out of sorts
- 88 Settled score
- 89 "Here comes the judge!" utterer
- 90 Swelled head
- 94 Like saltwater taffy
- 97 "To give her poor dog ____"
- 98 Unconventional
- 99 Unfamiliar
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The Edible Schoolyard, an organic gardening and cooking program at Berkeley's King Middle School, seeks volunteers to work with students, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 558-1335 for information.

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Women's Daytime Drop-in Center in Berkeley; serving women who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, needs volunteers. The Center is

open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Volunteers are needed for morning and afternoon shifts. For more information, call 466-5663

Exhibits

ACCI Gallery, 1652 Shattuck Ave., continues its "Figurative Art" exhibit through Nov. 18. The exhibit features six Bay Area artists: Elizabeth A. Cates, Donna Gordon, John Jacobsen, Sharon Mitchell, Pala Powers, and Deb Shattil. For more information, call 843-2527.

A New Leaf Gallery, 1286 Gilman St., presents "Mostly Lilies," continuing through Dec. 17. Artist include Lynne-

Rachel Altman, Patricia Bengtson-Jones, Eric Eichenberger, Shirley Erickson, Belia Feldman, Kristin Gudjonsson, Gail Paradise, David Ruth and Bart Tricket. Gallery hours: Wed-Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 525-7621

The UC Berkeley Art Museum, 2626 Ban-

croft Way, presents the exhibit "The Art of the Drawing Room: The Art of the Drawing Room" through Jan. 16. For more information, call 642-0806 or visit the Web site at www.bampfa.berkeley.edu

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The Berkeley Art Center, 1275 Walnut St., continues its exhibit of Janette Turner's collection "Ethnic Notions" through Dec. 7. The exhibit explores the ways in which commercial images of ethnic types in commercial images will be the last chance the artist will be able to see these pieces in person. The center is also releasing the "Ethnic Notions" catalog by Theresa Whitener and Leon Turner. Gallery hours: Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call Yvete Deas at 844-1083.

The Albany Arts Center, 1249 Marin Ave., continues a collection of work by Janette Turner's "Straight From the Heart," through Dec. 7. The exhibit includes paintings, prints, and collages. Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Artists wishing to be considered for future exhibits may pick up applications at the center. Call 524-9283 for more information.

The Richmond Art Center, 2540 Barrett Ave., continues its exhibit "Echoes of the Past: The Last Decade (1980-1999)" through Nov. 11. Thirty-one California artists, Chicano and Indigenous artists featured in this traveling exhibition have examined issues and movements that have shaped the visual arts vocabulary in California during the last 20 years. The exhibit includes painting,

sculpture, photography, prints, collage and digital media. Gallery hours: Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 4:30 p.m. Free admission; wheelchair accessible. Call 620-6772 or visit the Web site at info@therac.org for additional information.

The City of El Cerrito presents Open Clay Studio ongoing classes on Mondays, 7-9 p.m. Experience with clay is helpful, but not necessary. Opportunities will be provided for students to explore areas of clay work. Demonstrations and instruction will be provided on request. Admission: \$7-50 residents, \$9-38 nonresidents. The location: Tassajara Pottery Center, 2575 Tassajara Boulevard. For more information, call Judie at 215-4371.

Alta Bates Medical Center presents work by members of the California Watercolor Association at its Community Art Gallery, 2450 Ashby Ave., Berkeley. The gallery is in the main corridor to the left of the information desk and main entrance. Call 204-4444 for additional information.

New Pieces Gallery is located on Solano Avenue. New Pieces is the only gallery which shows quilts and soft cloth sculptures and dolls exclusively. The gallery is open during store business hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Sunday Noon to 5 p.m. except major holidays. Details: 527-6779.

Literary Events

Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 2352 Shattuck Ave., presents Bay Area au-

thor Ennio Antiporda on Wednesday, Nov. 8, 7:30 p.m. Antiporda reads from his novel "The Band of Gypsies," which explores the lives of foreign exchange interns caught in the turbulence of the Basque separatist movement in Spain. The evening presentation features a display of Antiporda's paintings created in conjunction with his work. All events are free. Call 644-0861 for more information.

The Reading Edge is available for public use at the Berkeley Public Library, 2121 Alston Way. This computer scans printed text and reads it back aloud with a synthesized voice. It's available for anyone with a disability that requires its use to access print material. Users must complete a brief training session before using the Reading Edge, after that, reservations are needed. Call the Reference Desk at 644-6648 to set up a training session.

Meetings

The Berkeley Avatar Metaphysics Toastmasters Club meet on the first and third Thursdays from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at 2515 Hillegass Ave. Public speaking skills and metaphysics come together. For more information, call 869-2547 or 643-7645.

A free talk, "The Spiritual Journey from Light to Sound," takes place on Friday, Nov. 10, 7:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Hall, 1924 Cedar St. For more information, visit the Web site at www.masterpath.org.

Berkeley Toastmasters Club meet monthly on the first and third Thursdays at 2515 Hillegass Ave. The group specializes in developing its communi-

cation and public speaking skills in the field of metaphysics. The group also learn from each other through short speeches. Call Odette Lardé at 869-2547 or 643-7645.

The Kensington Senior Activity Center meets on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. The center's community program of life-long learning is presented by the West Contra Costa Adult School. Attend any class or event you choose. Everyone over 55 is welcome. Call 526-9146 or 547-1969 for additional information.

The YWCA offers free orientations every Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. at its Turning Point Career Center, 2600 Bancroft Way. The orientations outline the center's resources and the variety of workshops it offers to the public. For additional information, call 848-6370.

The Berkeley Camera Club meets every Tuesday evening, 7:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. Participants share slides and prints and learn what other photographers are doing. Monthly field trips. Call Wade for information, 531-8664.

Speak Smart! Join Beijing Express Toastmasters, The Smart Club! Meetings take place each Monday, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at Peking Express Restaurant, 2068 Center St. For additional information call 549-9671.

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Bay Regional Park Botanical Garden, 10000 Bay Regional Park, presents regular tours, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays, and Sundays. Special tours by appointment. For a schedule of upcoming classes call 925-820-1021.

Grief Care Community offers 8-week bereavement support groups as well as therapy grief groups, and individual support. Call 540-0830 for additional information.

Alta Bates Medical Center Herick Campus offers a guided relaxation and visualization for people with cancer every Tuesday, 5-6 p.m. at its Comprehensive Cancer Center, first floor Conference Room, 2001 Dwight Way. The program offers this solution with an innovative approach to reducing stress and creating positive, life-affirming images. Call 204-1811 for additional information.

Alta Bates Medical Center offers a Grief Education Class every third Saturday of the month, 10 a.m. to noon at ABMC Herick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. The class covers common and personal reactions. Fee: \$10. No one registered due to inability to pay. For further information, contact 841-2930.

Alta Bates Medical Center, 2001 Dwight Way, offers support group classes for cancer survivors and their families on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month, from 4-5 p.m. at the Herick Campus at Alta Bates Medical Center. There is no admission charge and advance registration is not necessary. Call 204-1811 for additional information.

Comprehensive Cancer Center and Herick Center Salon, Alta Bates Medical Center, 2001 Dwight Way, offers a support group for friends and families coping with cancer. The support group is offered on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. This is a free service. Call 204-1811 for additional information.

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2001 Town & Country toots its own horn

Keane on Wheels

By Tom Keane

Even if you hate minivans, take a test drive in the Chrysler Town & Country. The 2001 model has more thoughtful attitude-adjustment features than any I've seen.

The Chrysler people boast of their accomplishments and rightfully so. More amazing is the vehicle itself toots its own horn — literally. More on that later.

My introduction to various niceties began when I approached the T&C. This vehicle doesn't look like a boxy minivan. The designers have tactfully given the T&C a pleasant style: eye-appeal with smooth lines.

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Drive, She Said



By Denise McCluggage

Drinking and driving is just plain dumb

It's not ignorance of the rules of good driving, it's ignoring them that causes the problems. We all have a fair knowledge of what's smart and what's dumb behind the wheel. And, most of us, most of the time, are in compliance with what's right and proper.

However, there's a way to be even wiser on the highway and to take the good rules a bit farther. Add a plus: "Don't drink and drive." Drivers needn't be reeling drunk to be a serious danger to themselves and others. Some drinkers don't show any outward evidence of drunkenness, and yet their blood alcohol content would attest to the excess that they've had to drink. And however

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Redesigned Toyota RAV4 has aggressive appearance

Get Off the Road
By Christopher Keane

RAV4 is no longer a teenager's SUV. Bigger, more powerful, and seemingly more mature, Toyota's all-new 2001 version has been seriously redesigned to attract the Mom 'n' Pop crowd, too.

When RAV4 scrambled through the dirt in 1996, it earned descriptions like "cute" and "perky" and "a kiddy's roller skate." Hardly a vehicle to be taken seriously. More like a fun runabout than true transportation.

But it was a hit anyway. RAV4 led the boom of the baby SUVs. And became the benchmark for small, inexpensive hybrids that are now the primary transport for economy-minded families.

Models like Honda CR-V and Subaru Forester made the segment more family oriented, and recent additions like Mazda Tribute and Ford Escape have raised the bar further.

Toyota redesigned their RAV4 with those competitors in mind. RAV4's new exterior reflects the stylized, aggressive look sported by the latest sport utility vehicles.

There's a beefier hood, thicker bumpers, and an arched roof line that extends into a spoiler-shaped flare.

Rear combination lights wrap the sides. A hard cover over the rear-mounted spare tire smooths the rear line.

RAV4 is now longer, wider and higher than the previous generation, although it still remains smaller than the chief competition.

The interior has been beautifully restyled with a modern European appeal.

Metal rings set off the white gauges, and metallic plates surround the radio, HVAC and gear shifter.

The central position of the tachometer, although attractive, is a bit odd especially on a vehicle with an automatic transmission.

Instruments and gauges are readable and within easy reach. Interior room is comfortable and spacious. The seats felt well-bolstered while traveling over rutted trails.

The 50/50 rear bench seat offered

excellent leg room and head room. As well, the rear seats can slide, fold, recline, or easily be removed for a versatile cargo area.

Because the unique rear gate incorporates the bumper, rather than opens above it, access to RAV4's cargo floor was especially easy.

Under the hood, RAV4 boasts an all-new, all-aluminum 2.0-liter engine — the most powerful 4-cylinder in this class.

With 148 horsepower and 142 pound-feet of torque, RAV4 powers down highways and over dirt trails with much greater confidence than previous models.

And it still rates good gas mileage estimates of 27 highway and 22 city.

RAV4 arrives standard with an air-cooled 5-speed manual transmission. A four-speed water-cooled automatic transmission is also available. However, I preferred the manual transmission for faster starts, smoother gear shifts, and less gear hunting over mountain highways.

Ride and handling have also much improved.

Rack-and-pinion power steering kept driving response crisp and firm.

Softer springs, larger bushings, and a longer suspension stroke have eliminated the previous generation's jitterbug ride.

And the interior quiet is as good as any vehicle in this class.

Like other hybrid SUVs, RAV4 was not built for extreme off-highway challenges.

The simple four-wheel-drive system offers full-time 50/50 distribution of traction between front and rear wheels. The optional limited slip differential is a good choice for those drivers who want the most capability out of their RAV4.

With 7.5-inches of ground clearance and All-terrain tires, the RAV4 serves perfectly for roaming the woods or rolling through the snow country.

Another good option (although most buyers should consider this a standard) is RAV4's four-wheel anti-lock brake system. The ABS includes

Toyota's Electronic Brake Force Distribution that adjusts braking of the rear wheels depending on load fluctuations — which increases the safety of braking over all driving conditions.

Pricing for the 2001 Toyota RAV4 starts at \$16,695 for a base 4x2 with manual transmission and rises to \$19,145 for a 4x4 with automatic.

Although these base prices are much lower than the competition,

many standard features on CR-V, Tribute and Forester, such as air conditioning, power windows, power locks, and cruise control, are options on RAV4.

Six years after it first skittered onto the SUV scene, RAV4 remains a top choice among entry-level SUVs. Having grown in maturity and confidence, the new 2001 Toyota RAV4 will increase that appeal to all SUV drivers.



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Brake pedal safety shift solenoid needs replacement

Dear Doctor: We own a 1990 Nissan Sentra with only 24,000 miles. Occasionally, I have to push the lever on the shift console to get it out of park. Can you tell me the problem? James

Dear James: Your car, like many others, is equipped with a brake pedal safety shift interlock. This means that the brake pedal must be depressed before the shift lever will come out of park. There is a tiny solenoid that pulls back a small pin when the brake pedal is depressed, allowing the shifter to move out of park. The most common problem is the solenoid wears and may just need to be adjusted. If this procedure fails, a new solenoid may be required.

Dear Doctor: I own a 2000 GMC K2500 with the 6.0-liter V8 engine with the heavy-duty transmission. The truck came from GM with synthetic fluids. I would like to know if you recommend synthetic fluids for the differentials? The rear differential is the posi-traction type. Will any of the factory oil residue fluid affect the new fluid? Denis

Dear Denis: There are many upgrades you can do to your truck to improve performance including the synthetic gear fluids. Check the manual; your truck may already have synthetic differential fluids. Be advised that any gear oil you select must be limited slip compatible. Any residue from regular petroleum-based oil will mix fine with synthetic or vice versa.

Dear Doctor: I have an ongoing valve cover oil leak with my 1990 Toyota Camry. The shop technician has replaced the gasket twice. The oil seems to just pour out. The shop technician also checked the valve cover and top of the head where the valve cover sits. They are both straight. Can you help? Beth

Dear Beth: Valve cover gasket leaks are common on Toyota vehicles. If the sealing area is good, excessive crank case pressure build up will cause this problem. Look at the small hose that runs from the valve cover to the throttle body. This situation is often overlooked and will cause oil to pour out of the valve cover and in some cases blow out the rear main oil seal.

Dear Doctor: I purchased a new 1999 Oldsmobile Alero GLS coupe in February 2000. After the car traveled 8,500 miles, the dealer had to replace the brake rotors because the steering wheel was shaking when the car

was brought to a stop. This problem was covered under the warranty. The dealer said the rotors were warped. Four months later, I have the same problem. Will you tell me why this situation is happening and if it will always be a problem? Franny

Dear Larry: This is a commonly asked question on GM vehicles. The problem is twofold. First, the front brake rotors are too small and inferior in quality. Second, the rear brakes do not contribute enough when stopping. The recommended first-time occurrence is to resurface the rotors, not replace them. The problem I have with this recommended service is resurfacing the rotors actually removes metal from the warped rotors, making the rotors even thinner and more susceptible to warping the first time they get hot. I would call the National Highway Transportation Safety Association at 800/424-9393 to register a complaint.

Dear Doctor: We own a 1999 Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredo 4.0-liter inline six-cylinder automatic transmission. From the day we took it home there was a clunk noise about half the time the car was shifted into reverse. It did not matter if the engine was cold or hot. The dealer said this is a normal sound because of the complex four-wheel drive system. Other Jeep owners we know have the same clunk sound when shifting into reverse. Is this something to be concerned with? Allan

Dear Allan: The sound is normal from most American 4X4 sport utility vehicles. However, it is not the complex design as they stated. It is the movement of the suspension system. I own a 1999 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 4X4 with the same sound. If the American manufacturers had used a rubber insulator flex connector between the drive shaft and rear differential, the sound would be eliminated.

Dear Doctor: I own a 2000 Kia Sephia purchased earlier this year. Recently the brakes started making a squealing sound when applied. I took the car back to the dealer and the technician resurfaced the rotors. The squeal is louder and more frequent than before. What can be done to eliminate the squealing sound? Vn

Dear Val: The squealing sound is from the brake pads and rotors being glazed up. To eliminate the squeal, the technician needs to replace the pads, make sure they fit snugly and

use both the proper lubrication and spring hardware. I also like to put a small amount of membrane cushion on the nonfriction side of the pads. This cushioning will help stop the vibration that is causing the squealing sound. Old pads on new or resurfaced rotors more often than not will squeal. Finally, make sure the rear brakes, as well as the front brakes, are contributing to stopping the car. An occasional squeal is considered normal, but a constant squeal is not normal.

Dear Doctor: I am the original owner of a 1996 Chevrolet Corsica with a V6 engine. July a year ago, the A/C stopped working, so I had it recharged. It worked for the rest of the season. This year, I had it recharged twice. The second time dye was put in the system. The shop has not been able to find any leaks. Can you help? Frank

Dear Frank: Any good technician should know the weak link on various manufacturers' A/C systems, especially on GM vehicles. If the system loses the refrigerant charge with no visible leaks found, the obvious source of the problem is the evaporator that is hidden in the heater/evaporator box. If you still feel comfortable with the current shop, go in with this column. Or find another shop.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1997 Nissan Altima with 35,000 miles. My problem is the A/C system. It blows cool enough; however, when I make a right turn, water comes out by the gas pedal. I went back to the dealer, and he charged me \$45 for 10 minutes of work to clean out a drain passageway. This same thing happened this year. I spent another \$45. The dealer said it would cost \$250 to permanently fix the problem. This does not seem right on a relatively new car with low mileage. Can I have your opinion? Bob

Dear Bob: This is fairly common. The drain is partly blocked up. Technician simply has to use compressed air to blow away whatever is blocking the drain. This is something that can be done at any shop while the car is on a lift getting the oil changed. The rubber hose can also be removed to gain some access to pull out any small debris. Forty-five dollars is a bit much for this service.

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Ghosts & Goblins on the Roads

■ Auto Insurer Offers Tips To Ensure Halloween Safety

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MAYFIELD VILLAGE, OHIO, — Celebrating Halloween is a family tradition that brings children and families on to the streets at the end of October each year. And while the ghosts, goblins and assorted critters roaming neighborhood streets aren't real, they do represent legitimate safety concerns for drivers, according to Progressive, one of the nation's largest auto insurance companies. Data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) show that fatal collisions between motor vehicles and young pedestrians (under 15 years of age) happen most frequently between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m., prime trick-or-treat time. In 1998, 82 percent of deaths among young pedestrians occurred at non-intersection locations

(indicating children are most likely to dart and dash from mid-block into the street). Of the 5,220 pedestrian/motor vehicle fatalities in 1998, 538 were young pedestrians. Of those, 62 percent were male.

To help keep everyone's Halloween safe, Progressive offers these additional tips for drivers operating their vehicles in neighborhoods where children may be trick-or-treating:

Know when your neighborhood is holding Halloween activities. The actual holiday falls on a Tuesday this year, so some neighborhoods may opt to conduct trick-or-treating on the previous Friday, Saturday or Sunday evenings.

Don't use a cellular telephone while driving through neighborhoods. A single distraction could lead to a tragedy. A recent country-wide survey by Progressive shows that 44 percent of Americans talk on the phone while driving.

Stay well below the posted speed

limit during trick-or-treating.
Do not pass other vehicles
have stopped in the roadway.
could be dropping children.
Stop when you see a child.
there is no stop sign, and
could be crossing the road.
Never assume a pedestrian
approaching the roadway
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1968 Dodge Charger RT becomes recharged in 1995

"It doesn't go too far on a gallon of gas," Larry Williams says of the 1968 Dodge Charger RT he bought in the autumn of 1978. He needed some cheap wheels; and for \$200 he got the title to an ugly, pea-green, 10-year-old Dodge that had seen better days.

All of the original owner's children had learned to drive at the helm of the Dodge. It came with a 318-cubic-inch V8 attached to an anemic automatic transmission.

"It was very dull," Williams remembers.

It ran, and for the money it was a good deal. However, Williams had previously owned another Charger with a factory 440 RT under the hood.

Because of the earlier high-powered Charger, he started looking for a bigger engine to transplant into his second Charger. He found a 383-cubic-inch V8 engine that was a vast improvement.

Upon investigating the problems associated with an engine swap, Williams decided to go whole-hog and get a 440-cubic-inch V8. The bigger engine wouldn't be any more difficult to install, making him a happier camper.

On a used-car lot, he finally located a 1969 Chrysler Imperial with a well-cared-for 440-cubic-inch engine and 69,000 on the odometer. He scooped it up for \$350, pulled the engine and sent the rest of the car to the junkyard.

Chrysler engineers had set up the Imperial 440 engine to deliver a smooth, steady 250 horsepower while they prepared the same 440 block differently for the Charger. The engine breathes fire when set up for the

Charger at 375 horsepower. Williams rebuilt the engine to the 440 Magnum specifications even though, he explains, "I do get the urge from time to time to build more of a race motor."

The muscular Charger was driven sporadically for about a decade. Circumstances changed, causing Williams to store the car in a barn in 1987. A couple of years later he discovered he was sharing garage space with several mice. They had moved into the engine compartment making themselves completely at home. Therefore, the vehicle was moved to a rodent-free garage for another three years.

After the car bug bit him again in 1993, he began working on improving his 17 1/3-foot-long car and has been driving it ever since. The stock wheels were replaced with a set of chrome five-spoke Mickey Thompson S/S Indy Profile tires to replace the original bias ply tires. The front tires are G60X14-inch and the rear wheels turn L60X15-inches.

"All that means," said Williams of the mismatched tires, "is that my speedometer doesn't work right."

Around 1995, Williams remembers, "I got serious about fixing it up." He hand-sanded the entire car.

Once the Dodge was stripped to bare metal in some spots and bare rust holes in others, he could determine what surgery needed to be done to bring the car back to good health.

With the body work done, the car was

Classic Classics

By Vern Parker

Painted an authentic Charger forest green metallic. It then was completed with a forest green interior, along with forest green carpeting.

The powerful Charger is equipped with power steering and power brakes. The windows must be hand-cranked down, but Williams keeps the cranking mechanism in good order. "You've got to cruise with all the windows down to look right," Williams explains. How else to display the pillar-less hardtop?

The car is difficult to miss since it is almost 2 feet wider (76.6 inches) than it is tall (53.2 inches). The imitation air scoops stamped into the engine hood provide a place for turn signal warning lights. Warning lights also flash on the 150 mph speedometer. Six pleated slots grace each of the front bucket seats. When the slots are opened, the material within is light green, but, more importantly, the slots allow air to circulate around the occupants.

Williams said he must use lead additive whenever he fills the gas tank with what goes for high-test these days. "If I don't," he said, "the hydraulic lifters chatter." Williams insists the car is not finished, but is a work in progress.

His 1968 Dodge Charger may not have left the factory as a 440 RT model, but it now has the requisite rectangular exhaust tips and the 440 muscle to back them up. "It has a 19-gallon gasoline tank," Williams reminds us, "and it needs every bit of it."

Price of truck add-ons can be expensive

You may be drooling over the optional equipment list your dealer provides so you can add some fun, flash or just plain practicality to your truck or sport utility.

But are you prepared to pay an extra \$860 for a chrome bar and bed rail for your Dodge Ram or Dakota?

Adding accessories to your new vehicle can bust the budget if you're selecting add-ons without good reason.

While air conditioning, anti-lock brakes and cruise control may be priorities, there are dozens of other special parts, especially for trucks, that can tempt you to tap your banker's goodwill over and above the price of your purchase in order to boost your image.

On the other hand, you may not realize that the brush guards you may have chosen simply to add a macho look also protect front bumpers, and stylish wheel flares aren't just for eye appeal; they also help ward off road debris.

Here are a few other facts about SUV and truck add-ons from Mopar, a division of DaimlerChrysler, whose accessories are designed by the same teams that create the vehicles themselves:

■ Ribbed bedliners not only guard against scratches and chips to the bed floor and provide ventilation and drainage, they also help reduce wind noise.

■ Tonneau covers are popular and now come in a variety of styles: as a one-piece built-in vinyl or fiberglass top, as a lockable gull-wing design with three built-in lids so you can access parts of the truck bed without hugging off the entire cover, and as a four-panel design that folds up like a concertina. Prices range from \$320 to \$920.

■ Side steps and running boards for the Ram and Dakota can be useful for shorter-statured people and those prone to stumbling during wet weather.

There are five different versions from which to choose: extra-wide, standard size and designed to hug the side panel; contoured with splash guards and color-matched to your body paint; side steps with skid-resistant pads; and diamond-plate running boards.

Most can add some chrome, black steel or brushed aluminum highlights to your conveyance. Again, these are big-ticket items, priced from \$330 to \$1,010, but they can add resale value when it's time for a trade-in.

If you have some serious money left over from your basic Dakota pickup or Ram sports ute buy, you can add a winch with a reversible electric motor operated with a remote control cable and an auto-

matic holding brake.

Designed so it won't interfere with airflow to the engine compartment or impede the opening and closing of the hood, it costs around \$1,500.

Dressing up the front end costs as little as \$29 if you buy just one pair of splash guards, but if you want to go hogwild and give your vehicle a Sunday-best effort, include a bug screen, a wraparound deflector, and a hood cover.

You may believe that a factory-installed audio system is best, but if you run out of cash and decided to wait a few months before adding a top-notch sound system, Mopar's catalog lists two pages of equipment from single to 12-disc players. Then again, you might prefer to spend your money on security systems, such as a starter disable to help prevent thieves from operating your vehicle, and an airbag lock so no one can run off with your airbags.

Down the Road

By Jill Amadio

With the price of gasoline so high, however, maybe the contents of your tank are worth more than the contents of your truck. Consider purchasing a locking gas cap.

One huge benefit of ordering your goodies from Mopar is that they're covered by the vehicle's warranty if you buy the parts before the warranty runs out. On DaimlerChrysler that means a three-year, 36,000-mile limited warranty or the 12-month, 12,000-mile Mopar limited warranty, whichever they claim is most favorable to the customer.

Customizing your car can be a lot of fun and can add not only style, but also safety and convenience to your vehicle. But it can be expensive.

Gas prices inch downward in Bay Area

BAY CITY NEWS

SAN FRANCISCO — The California State Automobile Association reports gas prices are slightly down in Northern California from the record highs of September, but relief is not evenly distributed in the Bay area.

An association spokeswoman said today that a monthly survey found the average price for a gallon of gas in Northern California this month is \$1.95, down 3 cents from last month's record high but still 46 cents higher than last October. It is also higher than the statewide average of \$1.85 and the national average of \$1.55.

In the Bay area, the East Bay experienced

the greatest reduction in prices, with drops of 1 cent in Fremont, to \$1.94, 2 cents in Oakland to \$1.98, 3 cents in Concord to \$1.91 and 4 cents in Pleasanton to \$1.98.

San Francisco residents saw a 1 cent reduction to \$2.06. In the South Bay, however, San Jose's prices actually went up a penny to \$2.06, and San Mateo held steady at \$2.04. San Rafael's prices went down 2 cents to \$1.98, but further north in Santa Rosa, prices remained unchanged at \$1.92.

The spokeswoman said prices were expected to remain at or near their current levels due to unrest in the Middle East and high crude oil prices.



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Drive

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outwardly normal they may seem, they are still risks as drivers due to skewed awareness and distorted reaction time.

Consider the driver of the car in which Princess Diana died.

On the surveillance tape in the hotel before the fateful departure he is seen walking about without any obvious symptoms. Yet witnesses later reported how much he had been drinking, and post-mortem tests showed his blood alcohol content to be clearly in the impaired range.

The BAC level of .10 is generally considered to be a level at which all drivers are impaired, but some people are affected with even less alcohol in their systems.

They may be "legal," but they are a menace.

It is important to know your own response to alcohol. If you notice a difference in your behavior, perceptions or actions — however slight — avoid driving, even if you are within the legal range.

Legality is no protection against a small mistake that could end up in tragedy.

And realize, too, that your avoiding drinking and driving isn't the end of it.

You must also avoid driving with anyone who has been drinking.

Realize that drinking drivers don't necessarily look drunk. At a party notice how much the driver that will be taking you home is drinking.

Keane

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doors open wide, and for those who need a boost, handgrips are conveniently located above the doors. I drove the \$34,850 Limited model that had power-controlled, premium-leather seats that are exceptionally comfortable — and conducive toward changing the mood of any driver with a nasty attitude. It enticed me to sit back, relax and enjoy the excellent visibility.

The entire atmosphere of the interior depicts quality: leather-wrapped steering wheel, wood-grained trim, plus an easy-to-read instrumentation panel. In addition to an abundance of cup holders, there are numerous compartments to squirrel away CDs, road maps, crayons or whatever.

Say you, the driver, are belted, but the passenger behind you is not. You are in grave danger in a collision. The unbelted passenger, flying free, can hit your seat from behind with several g-forces.

Worried about how embarrassing it might be to refuse to ride with that person? Worry instead about how embarrassed you might be on a gurney being rushed down a hospital corridor.

It is silly to risk your life and limb because you want to avoid a possible scene. If in doubt, quietly arrange for a cab.

Always wear a seat belt. First, make sure that you have an engrained habit of seat belt use, not just now and then or on long trips or after dark — always.

Seat belt use should be so habitual that you feel naked without one.

Think of being belted as a means of being secured to your seat and thus better equipped to control the car.

Of course belts are a safety measure in case of a crash, but crashes are rare; car control is constant. Thus the belt cannot be a sometimes thing.

Then take seat belt use another step. Insist that everyone else in the car is also belted. This is not just for their protection, but for yours.

Say you, the driver, are belted, but the passenger behind you is not. You are in grave danger in a collision. The unbelted passenger, flying free, can hit your seat from behind with several g-forces.

That added energy can override the effect of your belt and your airbags. You can be killed in a situation you would otherwise survive. Simple as that: belt 'em up.

Once, long ago, the word "smooth" meant what "cool" does today. It still does when applied to driving.

Being smooth at the wheel begins with a state of mind, a relaxed state, but not one that is comatose. Smooth is part of being relaxed/alert, like a martial artist. Or a cat.

Picture it. Not expecting anything (that leads to tension), but ready for anything, the smooth driver lets that attitude translate into easing onto the throttle and off of it, onto the brake and off of it — steering with a sure and easy hand.

It is being definite but calm. All that makes for smooth turns, smooth braking and smooth accelerating.

And here's the plus part. That "smooth" mindset also makes you impervious to the idiots out there. They cut in too sharply? They turn suddenly with no signal? They sit overlong at a green light?

You observe and compensate, but don't retaliate. You don't even want to. They are like gnats outside your glaze of smoothness, noticed but ignored. How relaxing. How much safer.

The turn-signal indicators are another example that the designers gave consideration to the placement of components. The flashing light is above the instrument panel and steering wheel area where it can be easily observed.

This location is helpful for those who, like me, neglect to notice the turn signal blinking many miles after a turn. The same thing applies to the high beam indicator. The light can be seen without having to look down into the instrument panel area. Also, under each sun visor is a vanity mirror enhanced by a multi-brightness light.

The interior is quiet — more so than other minivans I've driven, making an ideal listening studio for the terrific sound system that accommodates both cassettes and CDs.

The 3.8-liter V6 engine produces more than enough power to enter a freeway at highway speed. Out of curiosity, I gave the

steering wheel a couple of quick turns and was surprised at the vehicle's stability, which is the result of a well-constructed platform.

Construction is another area justifying the Chrysler people's bragging. They point out the multitude of safety features in the T&C, including safety side airbags, multi-stage inflators, cruise control, speed control, and their list goes on and on.

Then the manufacturer gets into all the accolades that have been bestowed on the T&C over the years, but the thing that got me is the way the vehicle itself toots its own horn.

On at least six occasions, with the T&C parked in my drive, I would hear a steady blast of the horn lasting 30 seconds or so. Why? I don't know. But I suppose if I were built to perfection, I'd be blowing my own horn, too. Conclusion: the T&C is entitled to a little latitude in this area, too.

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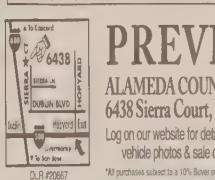
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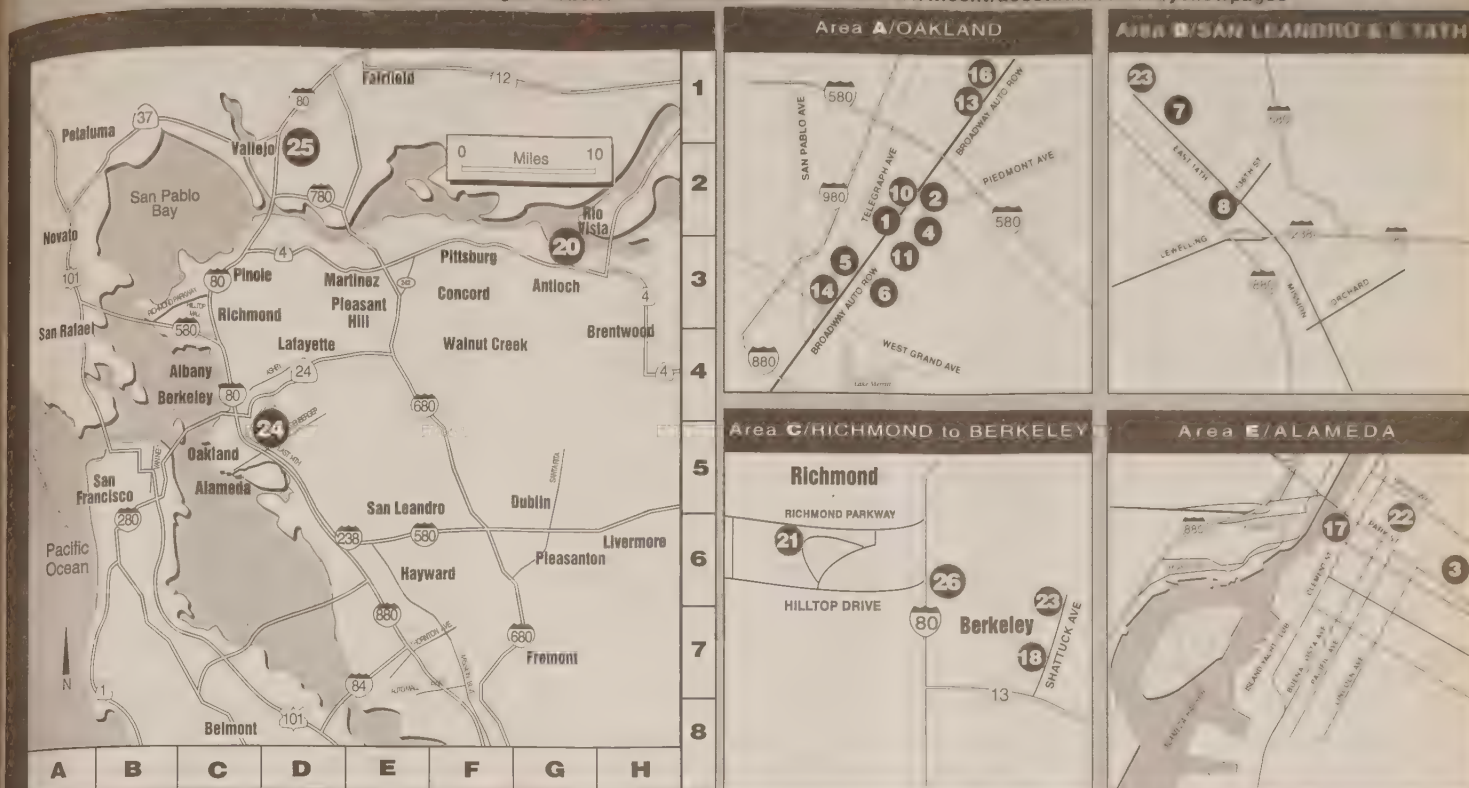
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'82 TASCAR 21' 454 Chevy,
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ning, 4500, 4500, 4500,
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8K mi, 2nd bed, cert. air,
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loaded, 2K, 101,000/bo,
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cond., 200-taper handle
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loaded, 2K, 101,000/bo,
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ics, 1200 (925) 838-0932

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Hanlees Discount -\$563
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Example #049515 Model #4416

MSRP \$20,206
Hanlees Discount -\$1,829
Sale Price 18,377

PURCHASE OR LEASE

\$18,377

*Based on 60 monthly payments of 293.33 plus tax per month. MSRP 20,206. Initial cap cost 1,170.00. Residual 1,105. Security deposit of 225.00. Acquisition Fee 250.00. Total payments 17,000.00. Customer Drive Off 1,927.17. Based on 12,000 miles per year. 15 cents per mile over 12,000. On approval of credit.

2000 CAMRY LE

Vin #528051 Model #2532

MSRP \$20,903
Hanlees Discount -\$2,776
Factory rebate -\$750
Sale Price 17,377

PURCHASE OR LEASE

\$17,377

*Based on 60 monthly payments of 272.00 plus tax per month. MSRP 20,903. Initial cap cost 1,170.00. Residual 1,105. Security deposit of 225.00. Acquisition Fee 250.00. Total payments 15,472.00. Customer Drive Off 1,927.17. Based on 12,000 miles per year. 15 cents per mile over 12,000. On approval of credit.

2001 4 RUNNER

Vin #181401 Model #6642

MSRP \$28,830
Hanlees Discount -\$3,353
Sale Price 25,477

PURCHASE OR LEASE

\$25,477

*Based on 60 monthly payments of 359.66 plus tax per month. MSRP 28,830. Initial cap cost 1,170.00. Residual 1,105. Security deposit of 225.00. Acquisition Fee 250.00. Total payments 21,039.00. Customer Drive Off 1,927.17. Based on 12,000 miles per year. 15 cents per mile over 12,000. On approval of credit.

2000 CELICA GT

Vin #056193 Model #8642

MSRP \$19,296
Hanlees Discount -\$1,919
Sale Price 17,377

PURCHASE OR LEASE

\$17,377

*Based on 60 monthly payments of 257.88 plus tax per month. MSRP 19,296. Initial cap cost 1,170.00. Residual 1,105. Security deposit of 225.00. Acquisition Fee 250.00. Total payments 15,472.00. Customer Drive Off 1,927.17. Based on 12,000 miles per year. 15 cents per mile over 12,000. On approval of credit.

2000 LANDCRUISER

Vin #117492 Model #6156

MSRP \$57,421
Hanlees Discount -\$7,444
Sale Price 49,977

PURCHASE OR LEASE

\$49,977

*Based on 60 monthly payments of 710.90 plus tax per month. MSRP 57,421. Initial cap cost 23,871. Residual 12,870. Security deposit of 225.00. Acquisition Fee 250.00. Total payments 49,977.00. Customer Drive Off 1,927.17. Based on 12,000 miles per year. 15 cents per mile over 12,000. On approval of credit.

2001 SIENNA LE

Example #340397 Model #5334

MSRP \$26,697
Hanlees Discount -\$2,826
Sale Price 23,871

PURCHASE OR LEASE

\$23,871

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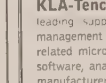
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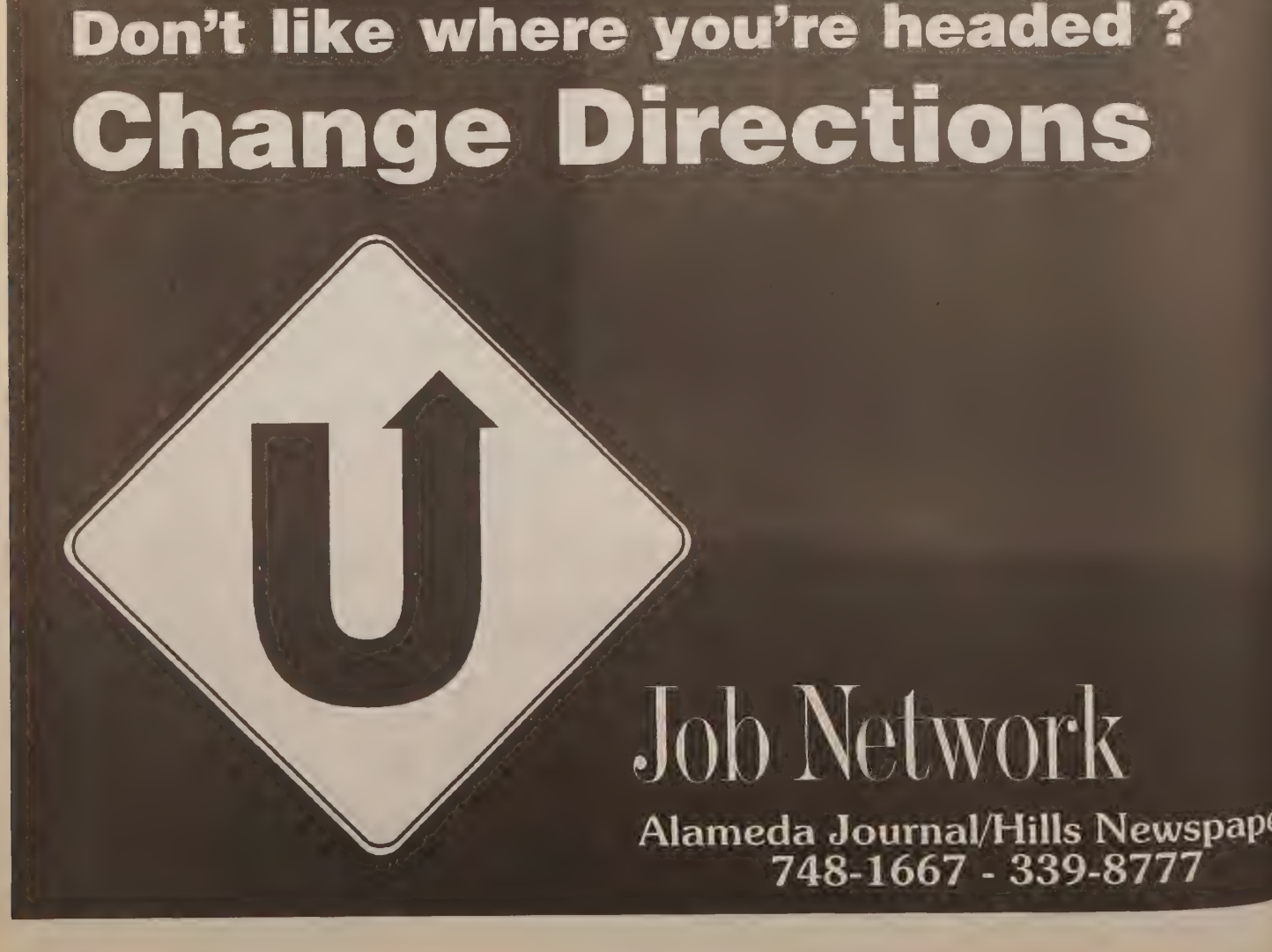


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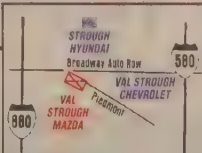
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Adjust your choice of greens to what you see are the freshest and best at the time you want to cook.

Apples first come to mind as desserts or drinks, but this recipe from the U.S. Apple Association offers an opportunity to try using them as a main course.

Note that the recipe will fit vegetarian meal plans that include the use of cheese.

Apple Lasagna With Fall Greens

1/2 lasagna noodles
3 tablespoons butter
1 small onion, diced (about 4 tablespoons)
5 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1 cup apple cider
1 cup vegetable stock (you may use chicken for nonvegetarian alternative)
Salt and pepper to taste
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg, grated
1/2 teaspoon coriander, ground
1/2 teaspoon clove, ground
2 teaspoons thyme leaves
1 cup applesauce

1/2 lemon, juiced
1/2 cup ricotta cheese
1/2 cup whole milk mozzarella, shredded
4 tablespoons Parmesan cheese, freshly grated
1 1/2 cups turnip greens or Swiss chard, cooked, drained, chopped and seasoned with salt, pepper and nutmeg

Cook lasagna noodles in 4 quarts lightly salted, boiling water until tender. Drain well and rinse with cold water; set aside.

In a heavy, non-aluminum saucepan, melt butter over medium heat.

Add onion; cook until clear, about 3 minutes.

Add flour, stir well; cook about 3 minutes, stirring constantly.

Add apple cider and vegetable stock; simmer.

Season with salt and pepper, nutmeg, coriander, clove and thyme. Add applesauce and lemon juice.

Continue to simmer for 10 to 15 minutes, stirring to medium-thick consistency.

Preheat oven to 350 F.

Lightly oil an 8-by-11-inch glass or ceramic baking dish.

Please see LASAGNE, Page 2

FALL IS APPLE SEASON and this lasagne, combined with the freshest greens of the season, proves that apples are more than just dessert fair. For planning vegetarian meals, note that this recipe includes cheeses.



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The pluses — and the pitfalls — of olives and their oil

By The Food Goddess
COX NEWS SERVICE

Q: "I have heard that when olive oil is cooked, it becomes hydro-

genated and is no longer heart-healthy. Also, if olive oil is good for you, does that mean olives are good for you as well?" — Doris Cook



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A: Oh, nice try, Doris. The Food Goddess, herself a big fan of olives green, ripe, brined, fresh or oiled and herbed, is surprised she did not think of this first.

Olive oil is the nectar of the gods — or surely at least one of them.

It is among the most healthful of oils because it increases the spread between "good" and "bad" components of cholesterol, according to the American Heart Association.

Further, cooking does not alter this beneficial effect.

Even so, the AHA knows as well as the Food Goddess herself that there is already enough fat in our diet without our recommending that we add more — even if it does have an added attraction.

It recommends only that you consider substituting olive oil for the fat you now consume and try to limit all sources of fat to the equivalent of 5 to 8 teaspoons a day.

Now then, where does olive oil come from? Right.

So they carry the same benefit. Yet, again, the AHA and your Food Goddess stop short of giving you the go-ahead you seek, to reach with clearer conscience for the olives when next you snack (unless you can stop at, say, four) because pound for pound they are high in calories. And that, need we elaborate, is both harmful and unattractive.

Permission denied.

If you have a food question, write to the Food Goddess at: foodgoddess(at)ojc.com; or Food Goddess, Features Dept., 72 Marietta St., N.W., Atlanta, GA 30303.

The answer is 'banana'

THE WASHINGTON POST

Q. What is America's most popular fruit?

A. The banana. It has been since the late 19th century, when the first significant banana imports came from Cuba.

Q. What fruit was celebrated as part of a Kentucky-based effort to fight communism in the 1960s?

A. Again, the yellow subtropical favorite.

Q. What fruit (which needs 14 to 23 consecutive months of frost-free sunny weather before it hits your table) is currently involved in trade wars with Europe?

A. You guessed it.

Q. How old is Chiquita Banana?

A. 55. Social historian Virginia Scott Jenkins calls upon these bits of banana lore, and many more, to illuminate the culture of this country in her intriguing new "Bananas: An American History" (Smithsonian Institution Press, \$16.95).

If you're craving more ways to use the versatile fruit (150, to be exact), there's a cookbook out there to help you, author and magazine editor Susan Quicke's new "Go Bananas" (Broadway Books, \$16).

With right combination of dishes, fall dinner party can be a breeze

By Cathy Thomas
THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER

As summer segues into autumn, I crave the bounty of a new season. Pomegranates, pears and apples. Winter squash and citrus fruit. Persimmons, even cranberries.

I pine for heartier fare. Bubbling stews and cheesy gratins. And oh-so-luscious roasts of pork, unacceptably rich in July, seem irresistible in October.

For me, fall is dinner-party paradise. It's a short gasp of serenity tucked between summer mayhem and winter-holiday havoc. I pile

pumpkins, bumpy gourds and burnt-orange leaves in the center of my dinner table, and schedule small, four- to six-guest gatherings.

And I keep the menus low-stress.

I choose a main dish that knocks their socks off, then find simple dishes that complement it. A main dish similar to one made by Marie-Catherine, my Parisian aunt, Roast Pork With Prunes (it tastes three-star succulent but requires a lot less work). A lean loin of pork braises in wine and aromatic vegetables, then a sauce is

made with reduced pan juices, wine-soaked prunes and a dollop of crme fraiche (a tangy thickened cream) or whipping cream.

I sought advice from two menu-planning experts: Elaine Corn, award-winning cookbook author and cooking teacher, who specializes in helping beginners become successful cooks; and Sid Goldstein, cookbook author and marketing communications director at Fetzer Vineyards, who relishes seasonal menus and loves the challenge of creating courses that pair perfectly with wine.

minutes before cutting.

Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 366 calories, 14 grams protein, 43.8 grams carbohydrates, 2.6 grams dietary fiber, 14.9 grams fat, 141 milligrams cholesterol, 479 milligrams sodium.

Lasagna

FROM PAGE 1

Place one layer of pasta on bottom; on this spread 1/3 of the applesauce mixture, then a layer of greens, followed by a thin layer of cheese.

Repeat, finishing with sauce and cheese on top (there should be 4 layers in all). Cover with foil. Bake for 40 to 45 minutes. Remove foil and continue to bake for 15 to 20 minutes. Remove; let cool for 15

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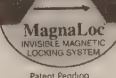
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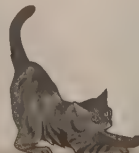
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AN ODE TO THE PEAR

Pears no longer eclipsed by apples

By Sylvia Rector
NIGHT RIDER NEWSPAPERS

Much ado is made of the apple, but the sweeter, subtler and more elusive pear is seldom celebrated. And why? Because "apple" comes first in the alphabet? Because it keeps doctors away? Because it hangs around half the winter in the fridge while the delicate pear perishes in a fortnight?

For no good reason that affords the pear the advantage of being the most delicious pear often gets lost in the background. But lately it seems to be coming out of the shadows.

Not only are pears starring in fancy food magazines and show-up as objets d'art in pricey decorating boutiques, they're also being featured more prominently on some of the best restaurant menus. "I think people have warmed a bit to pears," says chef Jimmy Schmidt, who has always found creative ways of using them at his Ratonsake Club in Detroit.

"They're getting more popular," agrees chef Steve Allen of Steve & Steve's in Novi, Mich.

Pears add a delicate flavor and unlike the overused apple — an emblem of newness to salads and entrees. They sweeten without being cloying. They complement many stronger, savory flavors, including cheeses, game meats, pork and roast poultry. And despite their aristocratic looks, they're sturdy enough to stand up well to many cooking techniques, from poaching to grilling.

It's hard to improve on a fresh pear eaten out of hand, whether it's buttery-fleshed Comice, a russet-colored Bosc, a firm Anjou or the long, all-American Bartlett. But the possibilities are much greater than you think.

Borrow some ideas from creative chefs, and you'll be delighted with the way pears shine in appetizers, side dishes, entrees and desserts.

Picking a pear

First, though, you have to buy them wisely.

While pears from one place or another are available year-round at the supermarket, local ones show up at farmers markets and roadside stands in late summer and fall.

No matter where you buy them, they are likely to appear under-ripe. That's OK. Unlike most fruits, pears become too soft if left to ripen in the tree; they're picked full-grown, but before they're ready to eat.

To ripen pears, simply put them in a bowl on the counter at room

Crisp, sweet Bosc pear

By Renee Schettler
THE WASHINGTON POST

The Bosc pear is easy to identify with its long, tapered shape and russet color. It is crisp, sweet and highly aromatic — and practical, since it retains its shape during cooking. Compared with the Bartlett, it is slightly less sweet, a tad more perfumy but also less mealy. Bosc pears are available year-round but are at their peak from September to early November.

How to select and store

Pears are one of the few fruits that will ripen after being picked. Once ripe, pears become fragile and bruise easily, so it's important to know how to select them. Squeeze the "shoulder" or "neck" of the pear where the fruit narrows; the pear should yield slightly to gentle pressure. Avoid pears with soft or dark spots.

To ripen a firm pear, set it aside at room temperature for one to three days. If you miss that very elusive moment of ripeness, refrigerate it. Do not store pears in airtight containers.

How to prepare

Take advantage of the Bosc's ability to retain its shape. Poach an entire Bosc — stem attached — by simmering in red or white wine or in a flavor-infused sugar syrup. Remember to trim a thin slice from the base of the pear so it stands upright.

After it's poached, you can drizzle it with honey, caramel or chocolate prior to serving.

While there's nothing wrong with a Bosc eaten out of hand, the sweet flavor marries particularly well with shallots and garlic as well as spices, especially cinnamon. The sweetness of pears also makes for a nice counterpoint to salty ingredients such as

nuts, prosciutto and all manner of cheeses, especially blue varieties.

Toss mixed greens with balsamic vinaigrette and top with halved thinly sliced pears. Sprinkle with pecans, walnuts or almonds. Top with shavings of Pecorino Romano or Parmigiano-Reggiano or crumbles of Gorgonzola or chevre.

Bake or grill halved pears, basting with butter and honey, maple syrup or sugar and top with a dollop of creme fraiche.

Saute thinly sliced or diced pears in butter and serve alongside a roast chicken, or blend with a puree or soup of winter squash or sweet potatoes.

And while standard pear dessert options include open-faced tarts and pies or crumbles and crisps, keep in mind that pears may be used interchangeably for apples in recipes both sweet and savory, from stuffings and sauces to dumplings and quick breads.



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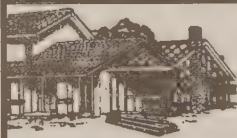
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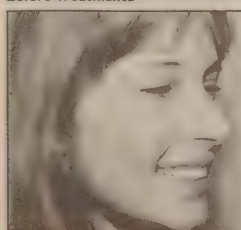
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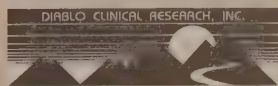
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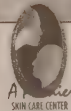
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temperature. They should be ready to eat in two to four days, depending on variety, size and your own definition of "ready."

To speed the ripening, put them in a closed paper bag with an apple — but check them daily because the ripening process is a quick one.

When they're at the ripeness you prefer, or a bit before, refrigerate to slow the ripening.

"Once they're ripe, they don't last long. You'd better eat them within a day or two," says Maggie Andre, spokeswoman for the Pear Bureau Northwest industry group in Milwaukie, Ore.

Winter varieties such as Boscs, Anjou and Seckels keep somewhat longer than summer varieties such as Bartletts, she says.

Pears come in many colors, of course, ranging from russet shades through yellows and into subtle greens and vivid reds, with all kinds of combinations in between.

Thus, color is seldom an indicator of ripeness. The yellow Bartlett is an exception, changing from a light, bright green to a buttery yellow as it matures.

To properly judge ripeness, Andre says, press your thumb near the stem.

If it yields to gentle pressure, it's ready to eat, even if the wide part still feels very firm. That's because pears ripen from the inside out, and if you wait until they're soft around

the widest part, the interior will be mushy, she says.

Pears are one of the most ancient of all fruits. Even today, at least 5,000 varieties are in cultivation worldwide, writes Janet Hazen in "Pears: A Country Garden Cookbook" (Collins, \$20).

Yet, says Andre, most Americans recognize only three or four varieties: the Bartlett, American's most common pear; the brownish, elongated Bosc; the sturdy, green Anjou; and to a lesser extent, the voluptuous, squatty, yellow-green Comice.

The small Seckel variety, used for making pickled pears, is well-known in some areas. And there are dozens of red pears — Red Anjou, Red Bartlett, Red Crimson and Rosy Red are a few — but most grocery stores label them all as red Bartletts or just "red pears," she says.

More pear varieties of all kinds and colors are finding their way to U.S. markets, Andre says. She especially likes the Forelle, a small, rather crisp and intensely flavored pear.

"Like any fruit, pears come and go in popularity," Andre says. "When they're in style, everybody does pears. Then everybody does blood oranges. Then kumquats.

"It happens that right now, pears are enjoying a surge of popularity in restaurants. There are just so many things you can do with them."

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"There are a lot of things you can do with pears," says Schmidt. "They're very, very flexible."

At the moment, they're on his Rattlesnake menu in a salad of mixed field greens, dried cherries, Maytag blue cheese and a dried-cherry vinaigrette.

In the past, he has slowly oven-roasted them, whole and unpeeled, basting them with a honey-balsamic syrup. "They turn out fabulous," he says.

The menu at Steve & Rocky's combines sweet pears with bitter greens and gorgonzola for a salad that is a customer favorite, Allen says.

Pears pair beautifully with game meats in main courses, too.

At the Golden Mushroom, executive chef Randy Emert serves a wilted spinach and pear saute with apricot-glazed pheasant breast.

"I like to use pears in late summer and fall and on into winter," he says.

Likewise, chef-owner Rick Halberg at Emily's in Northville, Mich., plans to incorporate them in a venison dish this fall.

Pears are most familiar at dessert, of course, and Halberg is featuring them in a Bosc pear and nougat tart with brown-butter ice cream.

At Too Chez in Novi, Mich., pastry chef Patrick Nettle fills poached pears with chocolate mousse and presents them in a pool of creme anglaise and caramel sauce. At the moment, the pears are red Anjou and the chocolate is hickory-smoked.

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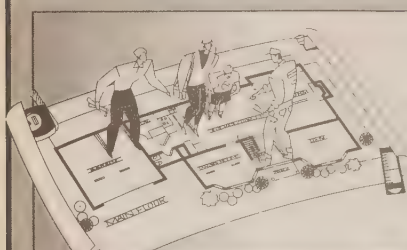
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Great ideas for holiday entertaining

By Philippa Coelho Jacinto
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The first in the new millennium, this holiday season promises to be fun and fabulous. For many of us, it's a chance to create new traditions — or at least blend the old with the new.

We get together with some of Danville's celebrated chefs and restaurant owners to offer you suggestions for holiday entertaining. The ideas include a no-fuss finger buffet, an elegant hors d'oeuvres party, out-of-the-ordinary entrees, and a California-style grilled feast. There are also ideas on pairing Italian food with wine.

Plus each chef shares a holiday recipe. And if you're looking for new ways to set a holiday table, we have something on that too. So indulge your flair for entertaining, with ideas that will surprise both you and your guests.

Happy entertaining!

Pairing Italian Food with Wine

A tasteful holiday adventure

With Bahman Tehrani, owner/chef, The Basil Leaf Cafe. What better time than the holiday season to get together with friends and explore the pairing of foods and wines. And when it comes to Italian food, who better than Bahman Tehrani of The Basil Leaf Cafe in Danville to guide us on this journey of vintage discovery?

Most of us are familiar with the basics. Red wines with red meat like steak and veal. White wines with seafood, chicken and pork. That's easy enough. But Tehrani elaborates on this pairing with more insight and some actual choices to most readers started.

Red wines soothe the palate when eating more comforting dishes like veal saltimbocca or New York sirloin with portobello mushrooms. The chunks of meat need to be matched with the richness of a full-bodied cabernet like Rodney Strong, Alexander Valley.

For a Bolognese sauce usually served with flat noodles like fettuccine and other wider varieties, Tehrani recommends the Ecco Do-

mani Merlot, which is more moderately priced. The Basil Leaf Cafe carries Placido Chianti which is, of course, the fruity Italian favorite. However you can't go very wrong with any reputed brand of Chianti, he says.

Tehrani thinks of white wine as a festive choice. The lightness of a seafood dish like Jumbo Shrimp Scampi leaves your palate with room to explore the taste of a fine Chardonnay. His choice for this recipe would be Frogs Leap Chardonnay from the Napa Valley.

Another splendid white wine that Tehrani would pair with entrees like Linguine Vongole — with baby clams in a white clam sauce — would be a Chardonnay from Cakebread Cellars, also from the Napa Valley. This, he says is an "allocation wine" available only at fine wine stores. Due to limited production it may be difficult to find but is worth the search.

But the real fun with a food and wine party is to experiment a little. Try out wines you have read about or ones that friends have recommended. You may not join the ranks of the experts right away but you can definitely enjoy the ongoing process.

Jumbo Shrimp Scampi with Shallots, California Chardonnay Splash And Pesto Risotto
(Serves 4 people)

Recipe Courtesy Bahman Tehrani, The Basil Leaf Cafe
For Shrimps
16 large shrimps, peeled and deveined, cut half way with tail on
2 cloves of shallots, finely chopped
1 clove of garlic, chopped
¼ tsp. paprika
4 oz melted butter
½ cup of chopped parsley
¼ tsp fresh oregano
Juice of 3 lemons, squeezed
salt and pepper to taste

In a mixing bowl marinate shrimp with all above ingredients. Cover and set aside for two hours. Pre-heat the oven to 350 degrees on broiler side.

For Pesto
¼ lb fresh basil
¼ lb pine nuts (or walnuts)
2 oz extra virgin olive oil ¼ cup chopped parsley
¼ cup chopped garlic

Directions: Place all ingredients in blender or food processor, add olive oil slowly to create the pesto for about one minute.

For Risotto
1 lb Italian rice

Cook rise in boiling water for about 6 to 7 minutes, then drain completely. Add pesto and mix until thoroughly coated and set aside.

Place shrimp on a cookie tray two inches apart facing up. Put tray in pre-heated oven broiler and cook for 5 to 7 minutes or till shrimp turns pink color.



KATHLEEN BELLESILES/STAFF

SHRIMP SCAMPI WITH RISOTTO from basil leaf is served with asparagus.

Before serving the shrimp add the wine and place back in oven for 1 more minute. Divide risotto onto four serving plates and arrange the shrimp around. Pour the remaining sauce over each plate.

Recommended wines: Frogs Leap Chardonnay, Pinot Grigio, Cakebread Cellars Chardonnay

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Grilling for the Holidays

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One of Danville's well-known chefs, D.J. Neilsen runs a gourmet store and cooking school in downtown Danville with husband Kent Neilsen. For those seeking a change from the usual fare, D.J. suggests a grilled feast.

That may come as a surprise to those who associate grilling only with summer. But D.J. assures them that, "it's OK to go off the beaten path."

Creating summertime magic in the fall and winter is as easy as stepping outdoors and firing up the grill. Or if Mother Nature is unusually uncooperative, you can mark the food on an indoor grill and then finish it in the oven.

Grilling also lends a casual informality to the holiday party scene — a welcome change from formal dressing and dining etiquette so prevalent at this time the year.

For a main course D.J. Neilsen suggests a grilled loin of pork, which is simple to prepare but simply flavorful. A delicious accompaniment is skewered red potatoes. Par-boiled and cut, they can be threaded onto rosemary sprigs and smeared with garlic butter.

Fall vegetables like eggplant, peppers and zucchini go great on the grill as well. For appetizers she would serve an all-season favorite, grilled Portobello mushrooms drizzled with balsamic vinegar. Or mini grilled pizzas topped with diced tomatoes, anchovies and olive oil. For a dessert that's reminiscent of tropical warmth and sweetness,

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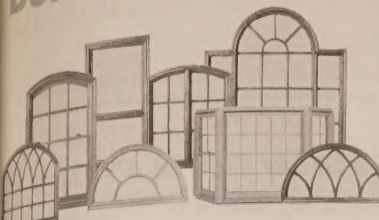
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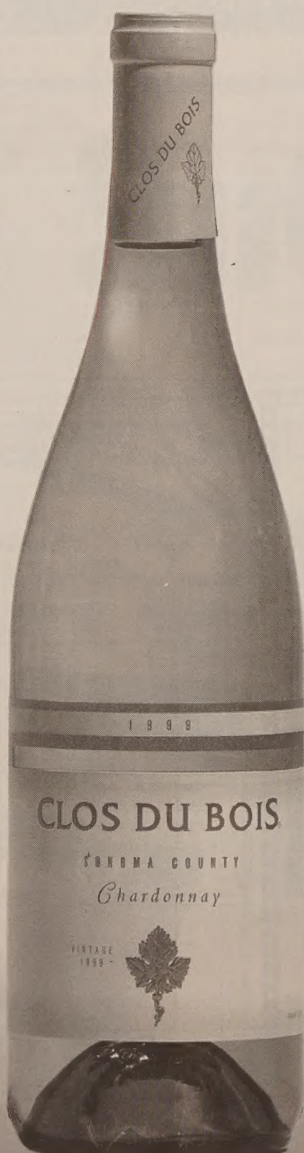
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